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## PREFACE.



THAT "a great book is a great evil" is generally a great truth, for the discovery of which we moderns must hold ourselves indebted to the sages of antiquity. In the following sheets, I have endeavoured to improve upon the ancient maxim, and bring the two ends of the book as near together as I possibly could. On this frugal plan, the preface might have been spared, but custom must be complied with : some part of our time must be spent on superfluities ; and what is rendered venerable by age must not too hastily be rejected. To enter abruptly upon the main subject is generally considered as a breach of politeness. What is useful must sometimes give place to what is convenient, and what rigorous justice cannot defend, may yet enjoy the security of prescription. In compliance, therefore, with universal custom, with the general practice of the ancients, and, what is still more forcible, the urgent solicitation of the booksellers, I proceed to lay before the reader the general plan of the work.

The idea of the PRACTICAL GRAMMAR was first suggested to the Author in the course of his private teaching. He found daily the inconvenience of referring from book to book, and determined to supply the defect in the best manner he could. Whatever was necessary to furnish a tolerable acquaintance with the elements of the language, and point out the nature of its construction, he proposed to admit ; and reject every thing that was not essentially connected with his principal design. His first object was to comprise, in as little room as possible, every thing that was really useful in the grammar, the exercise-book, and the book of dialogues. To this plan he has strictly adhered in the composition, and has brought the whole together in a much smaller compass than, at first, could reasonably have been expected.

The several parts of speech are arranged in the usual order, and each part is discussed under a separate section.

Each rule is followed by a familiar exercise, which the master may use in the place of a dialogue.

The advantages resulting from the scholars learning and then repeating their own translations by heart, must, in the opinion of impartial and disinterested minds, materially tend to their improvement. By these

means, the pupils, uniting practice to theory, not only become imperceptibly acquainted with the French phraseology, which in many instances differs so much from the English construction, but immediately know what is the English word that corresponds with the French, and *vice versa*, which cannot absolutely be done, in a dialogue where the French is ready made for them. Therefore, in order the more fully to answer the Author's intention, he has, instead of fine sentences, extracted from the most elegant writers, and often above the comprehension of young people, preferred, and made use, throughout all the exercises, of plain and easy sentences, which, at the same time they are within the reach of the young learners' faculties, will soon enable them to speak the French language with propriety and elegance. What more can be expected from an elementary book?

At the close of every section, a recapitulatory exercise is given upon all the preceding rules.

When there is any difference in the order of arrangement, the French construction is pointed out by the small figures placed against the top of the words in the English sentence.

Some of the most remarkable French idioms are noticed, and exemplified by various instances. Many others might have been adduced, perhaps, to very little profit. The idiomatical expressions are daily giving way to a regular syntactical form, and growing into disuse with the best masters.

A few general rules for pronunciation only have been given. From all the attempts that have hitherto been made, it does not appear that any adequate idea of it can be conveyed in writing. The ear cannot be properly formed without the assistance of a good speaker.

Throughout the whole composition, the Author's chief aim has been to unite ease and simplicity with accuracy and precision. That he has not sometimes said too little where more is required, and sometimes too much where less would have been sufficient, he does not take upon himself to assert. That he has sometimes failed through negligence, and many times through ignorance, he has also great reason to fear. His daily avocations left him but little time for study, and his want of a better acquaintance with the English language may have subjected him to many inaccuracies in his style, and sometimes, perhaps, to palpable improprieties.

The Author cheerfully embraces this opportunity of making his most grateful acknowledgements to the public, for the favorable reception given to the former editions of this Grammar, and, in general, to all his other works : while he is perfectly sensible of the obligation, he is also sensible that much indulgence was required to justify the favors he has already received, either as a TEACHER or as an AUTHOR. That generous indulgence he again solicits for their acceptance of this new edition, and begs to assure them, that, in every situation of life, it will be his constant care, as well as his highest ambition, to deserve the flattering encouragement he has met with in this country, and never forget the obligations already conferred.

In this edition the errors in the former publications are carefully corrected, the several expressions which did not so well please in the course of practice, have been altered, and every improvement added, that could tend to facilitate the attainment of the French language. It having been suggested, by some gentlemen, to whose judgment the Author pays the greatest deference, that the irregular verbs, being arranged in alphabetical order, in the body of the book, would be a considerable improvement to the work, and facilitate the progress of the scholar, this is done in the present edition. The primitives of the irregular verbs are conjugated at length, and at the end of each are given their several compounds, with large exercises, both upon the primitives and compounds.

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AN  
ALPHABETICAL ARRANGEMENT

OF  
IRREGULAR VERBS,

*With References to the Places in which they, or similar Verbs,  
are conjugated in this Grammar;*

WITH REMARKS.



A.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	<i>Page</i>
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Avoid, <sup>1</sup> or Shun	Fuir <sup>2</sup>		236
Abstain	S'Abstenir	} Tenir	244
Attain to	Parvenir à		
Anticipate	Prévenir	} Tressaillir	246
Assault	Assaillir		
be able	Pouvoir <sup>3</sup>		255
Absolve	Absoudre		265
Abate	Rabattre	Battre	266
Acknowledge, or know again	} Reconnoître	} Connoître	272
Accrue	Accroître		
Appear	Paroître		
Appear, to give evi- dence	} Comparoître		
Ask too much	Surfaire	Faire	282
Admit	Admettre	Mettre	284
Anoint	Oindre <sup>4</sup>	Craindre	277
Apprehend, or under- stand	} Comprendre	Prendre	294

<sup>1</sup> *Eviter*; to avoid, and *Assister*, to assist, are regular verbs of the First Conjugation.

<sup>2</sup> See Pret. page 294, and Imperfect of Subjunctive, page 295.

<sup>3</sup> See page 255 and 256.

<sup>4</sup> See Remark. page 293.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
To Abstract	Abstraire	Traire	297
Assist <sup>2</sup>	Secourir	Courir	231
Agree	Consentir	Mentir	237
be Acquainted with	Connoître		272
be Afraid	Craindre		277
fall Asleep	S'Endormir	} Dormir	233
fall Asleep again	Se Rendormir		

## B.

To Boil	Bouillir	} Bouillir <sup>3</sup>	230
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Belie	Démentir	} Mentir	237
Belong	Appartenir		
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Build <sup>6</sup> , or construct	Construire	} Ecrire	280
Banish <sup>6</sup>	Proscrire		
be Born	Naître	} Naître	292
be Born again	Renaitre		

## C.

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Consent	Consentir		
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Contain	Contenir	} Tenir	244
Come	Venir		
Come back	Revenir	} Servir	243
Clothe	Vêtir		
Come to, Befall	Survenir		
Clear a table	Desservir		

2 See note 1 in preceding page.

3 See page 231.

4 See Note\*, page 247.

5 See pages 268 and 269.

6 *Bâtir*, to build, and *Bannir*, to banish, are regulars of the Second Conjugation.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
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Construct, Build			
Circumcise	Construire		
Chance, or Fall out	Circoncire <sup>3</sup>	Confire	269
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Come to life, as from an egg, &c.	éclore <sup>6</sup>		280
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Commit	Commettre		
Chide	Reprendre	Prendre	294
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## D.

To Discourse	Discourir	Courir	231
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be Dying	Se Mourir		
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Destroy	Détruire		
Do over, with mortar, &c.	Enduire		
Decrease	Décroître	} Connoître	272
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Describe	Décrire	Ecrire	280
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Do again	Refaire		
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2 See Remark, page 266.      3 See Participle Pass. page 269.

4 See Participle Act. and Pass. page 254.      5. See Note, p. 280.

6 See page 280.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
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Defer, Put off, or Deliver up	} Remettre	Mettre	284
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## E.

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Enclose	} Enceindre		
Encompass			
Elect	Elire	Lire	283
Extract	Extraire	Traire	297

## F.

To Fetch	Quérir <sup>1</sup>	Acquérir	230
Flee, or Fly	Fuir <sup>2</sup>		236
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Foresee, or have a foresight of	} Pressentir		
Foresee	Prévoir <sup>3</sup>	Voir	259
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Fear	Craindre	} Craindre	277
Force	Contraindre		
Feign	Feindre		
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1 See Note, page 230. 2 See page 237. 3 See N. B. page 259.

4 See page 282. 5 See page 252. 6 See Note, page 279.

7 See page 254. 8 See page 283.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
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Go out	Sortir		Mentir 237
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Grow less	Décroître		
Grow again	Recroître		
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Grind again	Moudre	}	Moudre 286
Give other clothes	Remoudre		
Gird	Revêtir		242
	Ceindre		Craindre 277

## H.

To Hold	Tenir	}	Tenir 244
Happen unexpectedly	Survenir		
Hear	Oùir <sup>2</sup>		240
Hatch	Eclorre <sup>3</sup>		280
Hurt	Nuire <sup>4</sup>		Conduire 270
Humor	Complaire	}	Plaire 293
Hold one's tongue	Se Taire		
Hear of	} Apprendre des nouvelles	}	Prendre 294

## I.

To Incur	Incourir		Courir 231
Impart	Départir		Mentir 237
Infringe	Contrevenirà	}	Tenir 244
Intervene	Intervonir		
Invest	Revêtir		242
Interdict	Interdire <sup>5</sup>		Dire 279
Inscribe	Inscrire		Ecrire 280
Induce	Induire	}	Conduire 270
Instruct	Instruire		
Introduce	Introduire		
Include	Comprendre		Prendre 294

## J.

To Jut, Jet out, a term in Architecture	} Saillir <sup>6</sup>	}	Tressaillir 245
only			
Join	Joindre		Craindre 277

1 See page 234. 2 See page 240. 3 See page 280. 4 See page 293

5 See Note, page 279 6 See page 246 and N B 246



*English.**French.**Conjugated like*

## K.

To Keep	Tenir		244
Know somebody	Connoître	} Connoître	
Know again	Reconnoître		272
Know something	Savoir <sup>2</sup>		256

## L.

To Lie	Mentir	} Mentir	
give one the Lie	Démentir		237
Lead	Conduire	} Conduire	
Lead again	Reconduire		270
Learn	Apprendre	Prendre	294
Leap for	Tressaillir		245
Laugh	Rire		295
Live	Vivre		299

## M.

To Maintain	} Maintenir	} Tenir	
	} Soutenir		244
Move	Mouvoir	} Mouvoir	
Move, or Stir up	émouvoir		254
Mistake, or be de- ceived	} Méconnoître, or prendre, Prendre	Connoître Se Mé-	272 294
Make	Faire	} Faire	
Make up again	Refaire		282
Mimic	Contrefaire		
Milk	Traire		297

## N.

To make a great Noise	} Bruire <sup>3</sup>		269
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## O.

To Overtake	Atteindre	Craindre	277
Offer	Offrir	} Offrir	
Open	Ouvrir		239
Obtain	Obtenir	Tenir	244
do an ill Office	Desservir	Servir	243
Open as an Oyster	éclore <sup>1</sup>		280
Outlaw	Proscrire	Ecrire	280
Omit	Omettre	Mettre	284
Outlive	Survivre	Vivre	299
Oblige	Astreindre <sup>2</sup>	Craindre	277

1 See page 280.

2 See Notes, page 266.

3 See page 269.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
	P.		
To Prevent	Prévenir	} Tenir	244
Proceed	Provenir		
Prescribe	Prescrire	} Ecrire	280
Proscribe	Proscrire		
Prevail	Prévaloir <sup>3</sup>	Valoir	257
Provide	Pourvoir <sup>4</sup>	Voir	258
Pull down	Abattre	Battre	266
Preserve	Confire		271
Put out	éteindre	} Craindre	277
Pretend	Feindre		
Paint	Peindre		
Pity	Plaindre		
Part with	Se Défaire	} Faire	282
Put	Mettre <sup>5</sup>		
Permit	Permettre	} Mettre	284
Promise	Promettre <sup>6</sup>		
Put back again	} Remettre		
Put off			
Prejudice	} Prévenir	} Tenir	244
Prepossess			
Produce	Produire	Conduire	270
Pursue	Poursuivre	Suivre	296
Please	Plaire		293

**R.**

To Require	Requérir	Acquérir	229
get Rid of	Se Défaire	Faire	282
Run	Courir	} Courir	231
Run to	Accourir		
Run over	Parcourir		
have Recourse to	Recourir		
Run away	Fuir <sup>1</sup>		236
Retain	Retenir	} Tenir	244
Return	Revenir		
Remember, or	} Se Souvenir <sup>2</sup>		
Remind			
Recollect	} Se ressouve- nir	} Mentir	237
Relieve			
Resent	Resentir		
Reply	Repartir		
Repent	Se Repentir		
Roar	Bruire <sup>7</sup>		269

1 See p. 236, and 237. Pret. and Imp. 2 See Note, † p. 247.

3 See p. 258. 4. See p. 259. 5 See Note, p. 284. 6 See Note, p. 285. 7 See p. 269.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
To Resolve	Résoudre <sup>4</sup>	Absoudre	265
Retract	} Se Dédire <sup>5</sup>	Dire	279
Recant			
Read	Lire	} Lire	283
Read again	Relire		
Remove	Démètre	} Mettre	284
Resign	Se Demettre		
Rise	} Naître	} Naître	292
Revive			
Rebuke	Renaître	Prendre	294
Reduce	Reprendre	Conduire	270
Restraining	Réduire	} Craindre	277
Reach	Restraindre		
Revive	Atteindre		
Recover	} Revivre	Vivre	299

## S.

To Succour	Secourir	Courir	231
Sleep	Dormir	} Dormir	233
make Sleep	Endormir		
Shun	Fuir		336
Suffer	Souffrir	Offrir	239
Serve	Servir		243
Support	Soutenir	} Tenir	244
Suit	Convenir		
Start, Startle	Tressaillir		245
Stir up	émouvoir	Mouvoir	254
See	Voir	} Voir	258
See again	Revoir		
Solve	Soudre <sup>1</sup>	Absoudre	265
Sew	} Coudre	} Coudre	273
Stitch			
Sew again	Recoudre		
Sharpen	Emoudre	Moudre	286
Set out	Partir	} Mentir	237
Set out again	Repartir		
be Sensible of	Ressentir		
Smell	Sentir		
Struggle	Se Debattre	Battre	266
Sit down	Asseoir <sup>2</sup>	} Asseoir	250
Sit down again	Se Rasseoir		
Supersede	Surseoir <sup>3</sup>		252
Say	Dire	} Dire	279
Say again	Redire <sup>5</sup>		
Slander	} Médire		
Speak ill of			

1 See p. 266.

2 See p. 251.

3 See p. 252.

4 See p. 266.

5 See Note \*, p. 279.

<i>English.</i>	<i>French.</i>	<i>Conjugated like</i>	
To Shut, or close	Clorre	} Eclorre	280
Shut, or Surround with walls, &c.	} Enclorre <sup>5</sup>		
Subscribe	Souscrire	Ecrire	280
Satisfy	Satisfaire	Faire	282
Shine	Luire <sup>6</sup>	Conduire	270
Submit	Soumettre	Mettre	284
Surprise	Surprendre	Prendre	294
Smile	Sourire	Rire	295
Seduce	Séduire	Conduire	270
Suffice, or be Sufficient	} Suffire <sup>1</sup>	Confire	271
Seem	Paroître	Connoître	272
Subtract	Soustraire	Traire	297

## T.

To Tell	Dire	} Dire	279
Tell again	Redire		
Transcribe	Transcrire	Ecrire	280
Turn out	Démètre	} Mettre	284
Transmit	Transmettre		
Take	Prendre	} Prendre	294
Take again	Reprendre		
Translate	Traduire	Conduire.	270
Throw down	Abattre	Battre	266

## U.

To Unsew	Découdre	Coudre	273
Use, or make Use of	Se Servir	Servir	243
Uncover	Découvrir	Offrir	239
Unsay	Se Dédire <sup>2</sup>	Dire	279
Undo	Défaire	} Faire	282
Undo again	Redéfaire		
Understand	Comprendre	} Prendre	294
Unlearn	Désapprendre		
Undertake	Entreprendre		

## V.

To Vanquish	Vaincre <sup>3</sup>		298
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## W.

To Welcome	Accueillir	Cueillir	232
be Worth	Valoir		257
Wish, or be Willing	Vouloir <sup>4</sup>		260
Write	écrire	} Ecrire	280
Write again	Récrire		
Whet	Emoudre	Moudre	286

1 See p. 296.

4 See p. 261, 262.

2 See Note \*, p. 279.

5 See p. 280.

3 See Note, p. 298.

6 See p. 284.

*An Explanation of the Abbreviations made use of in the following work.*

m.	Noun masculine.
f.	Noun feminine.
pl.	Plural.
adj.	Noun adjective.
pro.	Pronoun.
v.	Verb.
p.act.	Participle active.
p.p.	Participle passive.
p.	Preposition.
adv.	Adverb.
c.	Conjunction.
int.	Interjection.
∞	The English word that has this mark underneath, is not to be expressed in French.

The figures, <sup>1, 2, 3.</sup> &c. direct to the arrangement of the words in the French sentence.

Two words having the same figure are expressed by the French word placed under one of them.

Two or three words between parentheses ( ), are expressed by the French under them, or have been previously expressed.

## FRENCH ALPHABET.

Roman letters.		Italic letters.		Old Pro.	New Pro.
A	a	<i>A</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>ah</i>	<i>ah</i>
B	b	<i>B</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>bay</i>	<i>be†</i>
C	c	<i>C</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>say</i>	<i>ke and ce</i>
D	d	<i>D</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>de</i>
E	e	<i>E</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
F	f	<i>F</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>eff</i>	<i>fe</i>
G	g	<i>G</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>jay*</i>	<i>ghe and ge</i>
H	h	<i>H</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>ash</i>	<i>he</i>
I	i	<i>I</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>ee</i>	<i>ee</i>
J	j	<i>J</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>jee*</i>	<i>je*</i>
K	k	<i>K</i>	<i>k</i>	<i>kah</i>	<i>kah</i>
L	l	<i>L</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>ell</i>	<i>le</i>
M	m	<i>M</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>emm</i>	<i>me</i>
N	n	<i>N</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>enn</i>	<i>ne</i>
O	o	<i>O</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>o</i>
P	p	<i>P</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>pay</i>	<i>pe</i>
Q	q	<i>Q</i>	<i>q</i>	<i>ku†</i>	<i>ke</i>
R	r	<i>R</i>	<i>r</i>	<i>airr</i>	<i>re</i>
S	s	<i>S</i>	<i>s</i>	<i>ess</i>	<i>se and ze</i>
T	t	<i>T</i>	<i>t</i>	<i>tay</i>	<i>te</i>
U	u	<i>U</i>	<i>u</i>	<i>u†</i>	<i>u†</i>
V	v	<i>V</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>vay</i>	<i>ve</i>
X	x	<i>X</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>eeks</i>	<i>ke and ze</i>
Y	y	<i>Y</i>	<i>y</i>	<i>ee graik</i>	<i>ee graik</i>
Z	z	<i>Z</i>	<i>z</i>	<i>zaid</i>	<i>ze</i>

\* The two consonants *g* and *j* are sounded in the alphabet like *s* in *pleasure* or *z* in *azure*.

† *U* has no similar sound in English, and must be learned from a master.

‡ In the new pronunciation, *e* after each consonant is sounded as in the English word *barber*, faintly sounding the *r*.

# A PRACTICAL FRENCH GRAMMAR.

## SECTION I.

**GRAMMAR** is the art of speaking and writing in any language with propriety ; or, it is the art of rightly expressing our thoughts by words.

Grammar is of two kinds, general and particular. Universal grammar considers language in itself, explains the principles which are alike common to every tongue, and distinguishes, with precision, between those particulars which are essential and those which are only accidental. Particular grammar applies these common principles to a particular language, and furnishes certain rules and observations which are, either mediately or immediately, deducible from its common principles.

A grammar of the French tongue must be formed agreeably to the established usage, and those particular modes of expression, to which custom has given its sanction. It has therefore for its object, in common with all other grammars, the consideration of letters, syllables, words, sentences, &c.

**ALPHABET** ;—is composed of twenty-five letters, of which words are formed ; five of them, *a, e, i, o, u*, are distinguished by the name of vowels, which form a perfect sound of themselves. The twenty other letters, *b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, v, x, y, z*, are called consonants, and cannot be pronounced but when joined with vowels, except *y*, which has often the sound of double *i*, and of which some make a sixth vowel.

**VOWELS**, three sorts ; **SIMPLE**, *a, e, i, o, u*, which are subdivided into short and long, the sound of which is more prolonged and deeper.

**COMPOUND**, of two or three simple vowels, as *ai, ei, oi, ui, au, eu, ou, æ, æu* : *ai* has the sound of *e*, mute in *faisant*,\* and the sound of *é* close in *je lirai*, as well as in all the verbs in the first person singular of the future.

**NASAL**, when they are joined to *m*, or *n*, and when they form only one sound, as *an, am, en, em, in, im, ain, ein*.

**DIPHTHONG** ;—Is the union of several vowels, the pronunciation of which causes two sounds to be heard by a single impulse of the voice. *Dieu, yeux, niais, pion, œie, mien*, are diphthongs : yet, *Caen, eau, paon, craie*, are not so, because they are pronounced *Can, ô, pan, cré*.

**ACCENTS**, three sorts ;—The acute ´, the grave ` , and the circumflex ^, serve to modify the sound of the vowels : the office of the latter is to render long the vowels which are affected by it ; thus pronounce *â, ê, î, ô, û*, by a greater opening of the mouth, almost as if it were *aa, ee, ii, oo, uu*. It is thus we write *âge* instead of *aage* ; this is also the reason why it is placed over the vowels that were formerly followed by an *s*, which has been dropped, since it is no longer pronounced ; as in *asne, beste*, in which the suppression of the *s*, requires that we should write *âne, bête*, in order to show that *â* and *ê* are long.

**KINDS of E**, five ;—TWO KINDS, *Mute* : 1st.—One whose dull sound is almost null in *brave, encore*, which are pronounced no otherwise than *brav, encor*.

2d.—The other, the sound of which, although obscure, can be prolonged, nearly as the sound of *eu*, in *je, me, te, revenir, redemander*.

3d.—CLOSE, by the accent *Acute*, in *bonté* ; also *ez* is equivalent to *é*, as in *voyez, lisez, touchez*, &c

4th.—OPEN, by the accent *Grave*, in *accès, succès, nêfle*, which accent is suppressed in *greffe, sans cesse, abbesse*.

5th.—VERY OPEN, by the accent *Circumflex*, in *être, tête, tempête*, which were formerly pronounced and written *estre, teste*, &c.

\* See *Faire*, page 270.



MIDDLING, followed by a double consonant, and the sound of which is between that of *é* close and *è* open, in *maisonnette*, *musette*, *poulette*.

The DIÆRESIS, (¨)—Which is placed over the vowels *ë*, *ï*, *ü*, and causes them to be pronounced separately from the preceding vowel, as in *poëte*, *aïeul*, *Saül*, and may be ranked among the accents.

The CEDILLA, (¸)—A little dash, which is put under the *c*, is also a sort of accent, since it serves to modify the hard pronunciation which it would otherwise have before the vowels *a*, *o*, *u*, and to change it into that of *S*; it is thus we pronounce it in *françois*, *façon*, *reçu*.

The APOSTROPHE, (') ;—Is only a comma put over the place which the vowel *e* or *a* ought to occupy, which is suppressed when the word following begins with a vowel or an *h* not aspirate ;\* thus, instead of *le esprit*, *la ambi-*

### \*AN ALPHABETICAL LIST

of such French words as have their initial *h* mute.

HABILE,	CLEVER	héliotrope,	turn-sol
habilement,	cleverly	hémisphère,	hemisphere
habileté,	cleverness	hémistiche,	hemistich
habiller,	to clothe	hémorrhagie,	bloody-flux
habillement,	dress	hémorrhoides,	piles
habit,	a coat	hépatique,	hepatic
habiter,	to inhabit	herbage,	herbage, pasture
habitable,	inhabitable	herbe,	herb or grass
habitant,	inhabitant	herboriste,	herbalist
habitude,	custom	héréditaire,	hereditary
habituel,	habitual	hérésie,	heresy
habituer,	to use	hérétique,	heretic
haleine,	breath	héritage,	inheritance
hameçon,	fishing hook	hériter,	to inherit
harmonie,	harmony	héritier,	an heir
hebdomadaire,	weekly	héritière,	an heiress
Hébraïque,	Hebraick	hermine,	ermine
Hébreu,	Hebrew	hermite,	an hermit
hécatombe,	an hecatomb	hermitage,	hermitage
hégire ;	hegira	héroïne,*	an heroine
hélas !	alas !	héroïque,	heroical
Hélicon,	Helicon	héroïsme,	heroism

\* The *h* in all this family is only aspirated in *héros*.

tion, and *le homme*, we must pronounce and write *l'esprit l'ambition, l'homme*. But when the *h* is aspirate, the arti-

hésiter,	<i>to hesitate</i>	hostie,	<i>host or victim</i>
hésitation,	<i>hesitation</i>	hostilité,	<i>hostility</i>
heur,	<i>luck</i>	hôte,	<i>landlord</i>
heure,	<i>hour</i>	hôtesse,	<i>landlady</i>
heureux,	<i>happy</i>	hôtel,	<i>a hotel or great house</i>
heuressement,	<i>happily</i>	hôtelier,	<i>inn-keeper</i>
hexagone,	<i>an hexagon</i>	hôtellerie,	<i>an inn</i>
hexamètre,	<i>hexameter</i>	huile,	<i>oil</i>
hiatus,	<i>hiatus, a gap</i>	huilier,	<i>oil-cruet</i>
hier,	<i>yesterday</i>	huissier,	<i>usher or tip-staff</i>
hiéroglyphe,	<i>hieroglyphic</i>	huitre,	<i>oyster</i>
hirondelle,	<i>a swallow</i>	humain,	<i>humane</i>
histoire,	<i>history</i>	humainement,	<i>humanely</i>
historien,	<i>historian</i>	humaniser,	<i>to civilize</i>
historique,	<i>historical</i>	humanité,	<i>humanity</i>
histrion,	<i>a buffoon</i>	humble,	<i>humble</i>
hiver,	<i>winter</i>	humblement,	<i>humblly</i>
hiverner,	<i>to winter</i>	humectation,	<i>moistening</i>
holocauste,	<i>burnt sacrifice</i>	humecter,	<i>to moisten</i>
homme, (jeu)	<i>ombre</i>	humeur,	<i>humour</i>
homélie,	<i>an homily</i>	humide,	<i>damp, moist</i>
homicide,	<i>an homicide</i>	humidité,	<i>humidity</i>
hommage,	<i>homage</i>	humiliant,	<i>mortifying</i>
homme,	<i>man</i>	humiliation,	<i>humiliation</i>
honnête,	<i>honest</i>	humilier,	<i>to humble</i>
honnêtement,	<i>honestly</i>	humilité,	<i>humility</i>
honnêteté,	<i>honesty</i>	hyacinthe,	<i>hyacinth</i>
honneur,	<i>honour</i>	hydre,	<i>hydra</i>
honorable,	<i>honorable</i>	hydromel,	<i>mead</i>
honoraire	<i>honorary</i>	hydropique,	<i>hydropic</i>
honorer,	<i>to honour</i>	hydropisie,	<i>dropsy</i>
hôpital,	<i>hospital</i>	hymen,	<i>hymen</i>
horizon,	<i>horizon</i>	hymne,	<i>hymn</i>
horloge,	<i>a town clock</i>	hyperbole,	<i>hyperbole</i>
horloger,	<i>watch-maker</i>	hypocondre,	<i>hypocondriac</i>
hormis,	<i>except</i>	hypocrisie,	<i>hypocrisy</i>
horoscope,	<i>horoscope</i>	hypocrite,	<i>hypocrite</i>
horreur,	<i>horror</i>	hypothèque,	<i>mortgage</i>
horrible,	<i>horrid</i>	hypothéquer,	<i>to mortgage</i>
horriblement,	<i>horribly</i>	hypothèse,	<i>hypothesis</i>
hospitalier,	<i>hospitable</i>	hysope,	<i>hyssop</i>
hospitalité,	<i>hospitality</i>	hystérique,	<i>hysteria</i>

In a familiar discourse, the letter *h* is not aspirated in the following words, viz. *Hanovre, Hollande, and Hongrie*, when either of them is preceded by the particle *de*; for though we always say *le Hanovre, la Hollande* and *la Hongrie*, yet it is usual to say and write *l'Electorat d'Hanovre, la Reine, d'Hongrie, la toile d'Hollande*, and the like. As to other national and proper names, the initial *h* is aspirated in most

ele remains entire ; we must not say *l'héros*, but pronounce *le héros, du héros, au héros*.

**VARIATION IN THE PRONUNCIATION OF CONSONANTS** ;—*C* is pronounced hard like *k* before the vowels *a, o, u*, in *cocarde, cube* ; like *s* before *e, i*, in *cécilé*. There are even some words in which it is pronounced like *g*, as in *second*, &c. *G* is pronounced hard before *a, o, u* ; like *j*, before *e, i* ; when we wish to modify its pronunciation before *a, o, u*, an *e* is placed after it, as in, *il gagea, nageoire* ; when on the contrary we wish to have it pronounced hard before *a, o, u*, an *u* is placed after it, as in, *guérir, guide*. *H* is of two sorts, aspirated as in *haïr, envahir* ; then the consonants by which it is preceded are not sounded ; it is called mute, when it is not pronounced at all, as in *homme, héroïne*. The *h* of *héros* is aspirate, that of its derivatives is not so. *Q* when not the last letter of a word, as in *cinq*, is never used without being followed by *u*, which gives it the pronunciation of *k*, as in *qui, quelconque* ; yet in several words *u* has retained its ancient sound of *ou*, and then *qu* is pronounced like *kou*, as in *aquatique, équation*. *S* is pronounced hard in *salut, sénat* ; but between two vowels, it takes the pronunciation of *z*, as in *riser, raison*, &c. *T* followed by *i* and another vowel, is pronounced like *c*, as in *partial, partiel, portion* ; but if *i* is preceded by *s* or *x*, or if it is at the beginning of a word, it is pronounced hard, as in *tirer, question, mixtion*. *X* is pronounced like *cs* in *fixer, taxer* ; like *gz* in *examen, exemple* ; and like *s* in *six, dix, soixante*. *Ch* is generally pronounced like *sh*, as in *chat* ; yet it is pronounced often like *k* : *Christ, orchestre, bacchante*, are examples. *Rh, th, ph*, are pronounced like *r, t, f*, in *rhume, thème, philosophe*, which are pronounced *rume, tème, filosofe*.

**A SYLLABLE**, whether composed of one or more letters, requires, in the pronunciation, no more than a single impulse of the voice : ex. *ba, me, moi*, &c.

**A WORD** may consist of one syllable, or of many compacted into one meaning ; for, a word is the smallest part of speech which is in itself significant : ex. *mon, my ; livre, book*, &c.

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of them ; as in *Hainaut, Hambourgh, Havanne, Henri*, &c. but in *Hamilton, Harcourt, Hector, Hélène, Hercule, Hérode, Homère, Horace*, and *Hyppolite*, it is mute.

A SENTENCE, OR PHRASE, is an assemblage of words arranged in their proper order, forming a sense either more or less complete : ex.

<i>Je suis votre ami,</i>	I am your friend.
<i>J'écrivis hier à votre tante,</i>	I yesterday wrote to your aunt.

A PERIOD may consist of two or three sentences joined together, so that they depend on one another to form a complete sense. Each of the sentences forming part of a period is called a member of the period : ex.

<i>Les grands hommes sont rares ;</i>	Great men are scarce ; we
<i>on doit les respecter, et l'on</i>	ought to respect them,
<i>devroit toujours travailler à</i>	and constantly endeavour
<i>se rendre semblable à eux,</i>	to resemble them.

A DISCOURSE, OR SPEECH, is an assemblage of sentences (or phrases) and periods, joined together, and arranged according to the rules of the language.

## KINDS OF WORDS.

There are, in the French tongue, nine different sorts of words, which are generally called the nine parts of speech, viz.

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. L'ARTICLE,          | ARTICLE.            |
| 2. LE NOM ET ADJECTIF, | NOUN AND ADJECTIVE. |
| 3. LE PRONOM,          | PRONOUN.            |
| 4. LE VERBE,           | VERB.               |
| 5. LE PARTICIPE,       | PARTICIPLE.         |
| 6. L'ADVERBE,          | ADVERB.             |
| 7. LA PREPOSITION,     | PREPOSITION.        |
| 8. LA CONJUNCTION,     | CONJUNCTION.        |
| 9. L'INTERJECTION,     | INTERJECTION.       |

Five of them are declinable ; that is to say, the radical part of the word remaining the same, the other parts, but especially the termination, will admit of several variations. These declinable words are, the article, noun, and adjective, pronoun, verb, and participle.

The four last, as they never vary their terminations, are therefore called indeclinable.

## GENERAL EXPLANATION.

The ARTICLES are certain minute words, which, joined to nouns, determine the extent of their signification, and which, in French, denote their gender, number, and case, corresponding to the English words, *the, of the, from the, and to the*. These in French, are

<i>Le, la, les,</i>	The.
<i>De, du, de la, des,</i>	Of or from the.
<i>A, au, à la, aux,</i>	To the.

The NOUN, in general, is a word which is used to name or qualify everything which is the object of discourse :  
ex.

<i>Papier,</i>	Paper.		<i>Bon,</i>	Good.
<i>Plume,</i>	Pen.		<i>Petit,</i>	Little.
<i>Pain,</i>	Bread.		<i>Mauvais,</i>	Bad, &c.

The PRONOUN is a word commonly substituted in the place of the noun, to avoid its too frequent repetition :

*J'ai vu M. votre père, et lui ai parlé,* I saw your father, and spoke to him.

In this instance, the word *lui*, to him, is put to avoid the repetition of the word *père*, father.

The VERB is a word which either expresses the state of the subject, or an action done by the subject, or the action received or suffered by the subject : ex.

<i>Mon frère est malade,</i>	My brother is ill.
<i>Ma sœur écrit une lettre,</i>	My sister writes a letter.
<i>Votre cousin est punie,</i>	Your cousin is punished.

The verb is varied by modes, tenses, persons, and numbers.

The PARTICIPLE partakes both of the nature of the verb and the noun adjective : ex.

<i>Ayant,</i>	Having.		<i>Aimé,</i>	Loved.
<i>Donnant,</i>	Giving.		<i>Puni,</i>	Punished, &c.

The ADVERB is sometimes joined to the noun, but more frequently to the verb, whence it derives its name. The use of the adverb is, to determine the signification of the

noun or verb, or expresses some particular modification or circumstance of the action or quality : ex.

*Je vous aime sincèrement,*      I love you *sincerely*.  
*Venez demain,*      Come *to-morrow*.

In these instances the words *sincerely* and *to-morrow* are adverbs.

The PREPOSITION is a word which is put before the noun or pronoun, and it always governs the word before which it is placed : ex.

*Chez mon ami,*      At my friend's house.  
*Devant moi,*      Before me, &c.

The CONJUNCTION serves to connect the several parts of a discourse : ex. *et*, and ; *car*, for ; *mais*, but, &c.

The INTERJECTION is a word which expresses the different affections or passions of the soul : ex.

*Hélas ! mon Dieu !*      Oh ! my God ! &c.

A more particular delineation of these nine parts of speech, and their use in the composition of a sentence, or period, will be the subject of the following sections.

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## SECTION II.

### OF NOUNS.

NOUNS are divided into substantives and adjectives. A NOUN SUBSTANTIVE expresses a thing subsisting by itself, and can make a complete sense independent of any other word : ex. *Dieu*, God ; *roi*, king ; *maison*, house, &c.

A NOUN SUBSTANTIVE is either common, collective, or proper.

A COMMON NOUN is applicable to all beings or things of the same kind : ex. *homme*, man ; *roi*, king ; *ville*, town ; *table*, table, &c.

A COLLECTIVE NOUN is expressive of many particulars ; yet, as these particulars are all united in the mind, and comprehended under one general idea, they may therefore be conceived as one individual, and, without any impropriety, expressed in the singular number : ex. *peuple*, people ; *forêt*, forest ; *armée*, army, &c.

A PROPER NOUN is applicable to one person or thing only, ex. *Pierre*, Peter ; *Londres*, London, &c.

*N. B.* A noun is always a Substantive when we cannot, with propriety, add to it the word *personne*, person, or the word *chose*, thing.

A NOUN ADJECTIVE is used to express the quality, color, form or quantity, of the substance to which it belongs ; and is so called because its meaning cannot be ascertained without being joined to its proper substantive, with which it must also agree in gender, number and case ; ex. *bon*, good ; *aimable*, lovely ; *rouge*, red ; *jaune*, yellow ; *rond*, round ; *carré*, square ; *un*, one ; *deux*, two ; *trois*, three, &c.

*N. B.* The noun is always adjective when we can add to it the word *personne* or *chose*, person or thing.

In NOUNS, four things must be considered, viz.

<i>Les Articles,</i>	The Articles.
<i>Les Genres,</i>	The Genders.
<i>Les Nombres,</i>	The Numbers.
<i>Les Cas,</i>	The Cases.

## ARTICLES.

There are three sorts of Articles, viz.

<i>L'Article défini,</i>	The Article definite.
<i>L'Article partitif,</i>	The Article partitive.
<i>L'Article indéfini,</i>	The Article indefinite.

The Article must always agree with the noun in gender and number.

The DEFINITE ARTICLE is so called, because it means the whole of the object to which it is applied.

### SINGULAR.

*Le*, for the masculine, before nouns, beginning with a consonant or H aspirated, ex. *le roi*, the king ; *le héros*, the hero, &c.

*La*, for the feminine : ex. *la reine*, the queen, &c.

*L'*, with an elision for both genders, before nouns singular beginning with a vowel or H not aspirated : ex. *l'enfant*, the child ; *l'homme*, the man, &c.

## PLURAL.

*Les* for both genders, whether the noun begin with a consonant or a vowel : ex. *les rois*, the kings ; *les reines*, the queens ; *les enfans*, the children, &c.

THE PARTITIVE ARTICLE means only a part of the object, the English word *SOME* being always expressed or implied.

## SINGULAR.

<p><i>Du</i> for the masc.  <i>De la</i>, for the fem.</p>	}	<p>These two articles are used before nouns beginning with a consonant or H aspirated : ex.  <i>du pain</i>, some bread ;  <i>de la viande</i>, some meat.</p>
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*De l'*, for both genders beginning with a vowel or an H not aspirated ; ex. *de l'encre*, some ink.

## PLURAL.

*Des*, for both genders : ex. *des amis*, some friends.

THE INDEFINITE ARTICLE is *de* or *d'*, of, from, and à, to.

This article is used, without distinction, before nouns masculine and feminine in both numbers. Proper names, and the greater part of the pronouns, are declined with it.

Some grammarians admit of a fourth article, viz. *un*, for the masculine, and *une* for the feminine, in English *a* or *an* ; but it may be observed, that it is always declined with the indefinite article, and therefore takes the nature of a noun adjective.

## GENDERS AND NUMBERS.

There are two GENDERS, viz. the masculine and feminine. A noun is masculine when there is before it *le* or *un*, as *le* or *un livre*, the or a book. A noun is feminine when it is preceded by *la* or *une*, as *la* or *une plume*, the or a pen.

There are two NUMBERS, the singular and plural. The singular number speaks of one thing only, as *une table*, a table : the plural speaks of a more than one, as *des tables*, tables. There are some nouns that are never used but in the singular number : as,

1. The names of metals : ex. *or*, gold ; *argent*, silver ; *cuirre*, brass ; *plomb*, lead, &c.



2. The names of virtues and vices : ex. *avarice*, avarice ; *charité*, charity ; *foi*, faith ; *haine*, hatred ; *orgueil*, pride ; *prodigalité*, prodigality, &c.
3. The names by which the five senses are denoted : ex. *la vue*, the sight ; *le goût*, the taste ; *l'odorat*, the smell ; *le toucher*, feeling ; *l'ouïe*, hearing.
4. Proper names, except when they are used metaphorically.
5. To the foregoing may be added the following, which are not reducible to any general rules :

<i>Artillerie</i> ,	artillery.	<i>Faim</i> ,	hunger.
<i>Attirail</i> ,	implements.	<i>Funée</i> ,	smoke.
<i>Bonheur</i> ,	happiness.	<i>Fuite</i> ,	flight.
<i>Colère</i> ,	anger.	<i>Gloire</i> ,	glory.
<i>Courroux</i> ,	wrath.	<i>Honte</i> ,	shame.
<i>Enfance</i> ,	infancy.	<i>Jeunesse</i> ,	youth.
<i>Lait</i> ,	milk.	<i>Salut</i> ,	safety.
<i>Miel</i> ,	honey.	<i>Soif</i> ,	thirst.
<i>Noblesse</i> ,	nobility.	<i>Sommeil</i> ,	sleep.
<i>Pauvreté</i> ,	poverty.	<i>Vieillesse</i> ,	old age.
<i>Sang</i> ,	blood.		

There are others which are never used but in the plural number only ; such as,

<i>Ancêtres</i> ,	ancestors.	<i>Atours</i> ,	apparel.
<i>Aïeux</i> ,	forefathers.	<i>Ciseaux</i> ,	scissors.
<i>Funérailles</i> ,	a funeral.	<i>Hardes</i> ,	clothes.
<i>Frais</i> ,	expense.	<i>Limites</i> ,	limits.
<i>Délices</i> ,	delight.	<i>Mœurs</i> ,	manners.
<i>Dépens</i> ,	cost.	<i>Mouchettes</i> ,	snuffers.
<i>Entrailles</i> ,	entrails.	<i>Ténèbres</i> ,	darkness.
<i>Epousailles</i> ,	espousals.	<i>Vivres</i> ,	victuals.
<i>Fonts</i> ,	font.		

And, in general, those which, in English, admit of no singular.

In general, the plural number is formed by adding an *s* to the singular : ex.

*Le père*, the father ;      *les pères*, the fathers.  
*La mère*, the mother ;      *les mères*, the mothers, &c.

All nouns having their singular ending in *s*, *x*, or *z*, admit of no variation in the plural : ex.

<i>Le fils</i> , the son ;	<i>les fils</i> , the sons.
<i>Une noix</i> , a walnut ;	<i>des noix</i> , walnuts.
<i>Le nez</i> , the nose ;	<i>les nez</i> , the noses.

## EXCEPTIONS.

Nouns ending in *au*, *eau*, *eu*, *œu*, *ieu*, or *ou*, form their plural by *x*, instead of *s* : ex.

<i>Un chapeau</i> , a hat ;	<i>des chapeaux</i> , hats.
<i>Un manteau</i> , a cloak ;	<i>des manteaux</i> , cloaks.
<i>Un lieu</i> , a place ;	<i>des lieux</i> , places.
<i>Un chou</i> , a cabbage ;	<i>des choux</i> , cabbages.

The following differ from this rule, and their plural terminates in *s* : ex.

<i>Un matou</i> , a great cat ;	<i>des matous</i> , great cats.
<i>Un sou</i> , a cent ;	<i>des sous</i> , cents.
<i>Un trou</i> , a hole ;	<i>des trous</i> , holes.
<i>Un licou</i> , a halter ;	<i>des licous</i> , halters.

Nouns ending in *al* and *ail* have their plural in *aux* : ex.

<i>Un animal</i> , a living creature ;	<i>des animaux</i> , living creatures.
<i>Un cheval</i> , a horse ;	<i>des chevaux</i> , horses.
<i>Un travail</i> , a work ;	<i>des travaux</i> , works.

These only are excepted :

<i>Un bal</i> , a ball.	<i>Un portail</i> , a gateway.
<i>Détail</i> , account, retail.	<i>Epouvantail</i> , a scarecrow.
<i>Eventail</i> , a fan.	<i>Attirail</i> , baggage.
<i>Un gouvernail</i> , a helm.	<i>Camail</i> , a priest's cloak.
<i>Un sérail</i> , a seraglio.	<i>Régail</i> , a treat.

Which form their plural in *s*.

Nouns of more than one syllable (polysyllables) ending in *nt*, most generally form their plural by changing the *t* into *s* : as,

<i>Enfant</i> , a child ;	<i>enfants</i> , children.
<i>Commandement</i> , command ;	<i>commandemens</i> , commands.

But nouns of one syllable only (monosyllables) preserve the *t*, and form their plural by adding *s* : as,

<i>Dent</i>	tooth ;	<i>dents</i> ,	teeth.
<i>Pont</i>	bridge ;	<i>ponts</i> ,	bridges.

*Tout*, adj. ail, makes *tous*, in its plural masculine ; *toute* in the feminine gender sing. and *toutes* in the plural.

The following are not conformable to any established rule.

<i>Ayeul</i> , grandfather ;	<i>ayeux</i> , grandfathers.
<i>Bétail</i> , cattle ;	<i>bestiaux</i> , cattle.
<i>Ciel</i> , heaven ;	<i>cieux</i> , heavens.
<i>Œil</i> , eye ;	<i>yeux</i> , eyes.

Except { *des ciels de lit*,\* testers of a bed.  
          { *des œils de bœuf*, ovals.

There are in French several compound words like the last two, which require some attention from the learner, in the formation of their plural, the difficulty of which may soon be removed by means of reflection ; for example :

A noun being composed of a substantive and an adjective, united by a hyphen, both admit of the plural formation : as,

*Un gentil-homme*, a noble-    *des gentils-hommes*, noble-  
man ;                                    men.

A noun compounded of two substantives and a preposition, united by hyphens, the first only in French, which is generally the last in English, admits of the plural formation : as,

*Un arc-en-ciel*, a rainbow ;    *des arcs-en ciel*, rainbows.  
*Un chef-d'œuvre*, a master-    *des chefs-d'œuvre*, master-  
piece ;                                    pieces.

*N. B.* Some of these French compound words are sometimes rendered in English by one word, in which case the formation of the plural in the French is still the same : as,

*Un cul-de-sac*, an alley (with-    *des culs-de-sac*, alleys.  
out egress ;)

Nouns composed of a verb or a preposition and a substantive, the substantive only admits of the plural formation : as,

*Un avant-toit*, eaves ;            *des avant-toits*, eaves.  
*Un casse-noisette*, a nut-    *des casse-noisettes*, nut-crack-  
cracker ;                                    ers.

\* This term is growing obsolete : it is better to say, *un fond de lit*.



*des*, of or of the. Sometimes the article is not expressed in English, as may be seen in the sentences before mentioned. The ablative is known by the article *de*, *du*, *de la*, *des*, from or from the.

The DATIVE shows to whom the thing spoken of, is given, or to what it is attributed : as,

*Donnez cette pomme à mon frère ;* Give that apple to my brother.

This case is known by the articles *à*, *au*, *à la*, *aux*, to or to the.

The VOCATIVE is used only for calling or naming the person to whom the speech is addressed : as,

*Ami, qui êtes-vous ?* Friend, who are you ?

## DECLENSIONS OF NOUNS.

All changes in nouns are formed by numbers and cases. To decline a noun, therefore, is to express its several variations ; and, under these variations, to point out its different significations.

Some short examples are added to the nouns, that learners may more easily understand what has been said respecting the cases.

*Declension of the Article Definite Le (the,) before Nouns masculine beginning with a consonant or an H aspirated.*

### SINGULAR.

Nom. <i>Le Prince,</i> <i>Le prince est généreux,</i>	The prince. The prince is generous.
Gen. <i>Du prince,</i> <i>Les vertus du prince,</i>	Of the prince. The virtues of the prince ; or, the prince's virtues.
Dat. <i>Au prince,</i> <i>Parler au prince,</i>	To the prince. To speak to the prince.
Acc. <i>Le prince,</i> <i>Aimer le prince,</i>	The prince. To love the prince.
Voc. <i>O prince,</i>	O prince.
Abl. <i>Du prince,</i> <i>Recevoir des lettres du prince</i>	From the prince. To receive letters from the prince

*Declension of the Article Definite La (the,) before Nouns feminine beginning with a Consonant, or H aspirated*

SINGULAR.

Nom. <i>La Princesse,</i>	The princess.
<i>La princesse est aimable,</i>	The princess is amiable.
Gen. <i>De la princesse,</i>	Of the princess.
<i>Les regards de la princesse,</i>	The looks of the princess,
	or, the princess's looks.
Dat. <i>À la princesse,</i>	To the princess.
<i>Donner à la princesse,</i>	To give to the princess.
Acc. <i>la princesse,</i>	The princess.
<i>Imitez la princesse,</i>	Imitate the princess.
Voc. <i>O princesse,</i>	O princess.
Abl. <i>De la princesse,</i>	From the princess.
<i>Etre séparé de la princesse,</i>	To be separated from the princess.

*Declension of the Article Definite L' (the) for both genders, before Nouns beginning with a vowel, or an H not aspirated.*

SINGULAR.

Nom. <i>L'enfant,</i>	The child.
<i>L'enfant est timide,</i>	The child is fearful.
Gen. <i>De l'enfant,</i>	Of the child.
<i>Le tempérament de l'enfant,</i>	The child's temper ; or, the temper of the child.
Dat. <i>À l'enfant,</i>	To the child.
<i>Attribuer à l'enfant,</i>	To attribute to the child.
Acc. <i>L'enfant,</i>	The child.
<i>Admirer l'enfant,</i>	To admire the child.
Voc. <i>O enfant,</i>	O child.
Abl. <i>De l'enfant,</i>	From the child.
<i>S'éloigner de l'enfant,</i>	To go away from the child.

The plural of these nouns, whether they begin with a consonant or a vowel \*H aspirated or not aspirated, is declined, in both genders, by the article *les* (the.)

Nom. <i>Les rois.</i>	The kings.
<i>Les rois commandent,</i>	The king's command.
Gen. <i>Des rois.</i>	Of the kings.

\* See the list of words beginning with an *h* not aspirated, page 29

<i>L'ordre des rois,</i>	The order of the kings ; or, the kings' order.
Dat. <i>Aux rois,</i>	To the kings.
<i>Envoyer aux rois.</i>	To send to the kings.
Acc. <i>Les rois,</i>	The kings.
<i>Respectez les rois,</i>	Honour the kings.
Voc. <i>O rois,</i>	O kings.
Abl. <i>Des rois,</i>	From the kings.
<i>Etre loin des rois,</i>	To be far from the kings.

### RECAPITULATION OF THE ARTICLE DEFINITE.

## SINGULAR

## PLURAL.

Mas. Fem. Mas. &amp; Fem. Mas. &amp; Fem.

Nom.&Ac.	<i>Le, la, l' ;</i>	<i>Les, the.</i>
Gen. & Ab.	<i>Du, de la, de l' ;</i>	<i>Des, of or from the.</i>
Dat.	<i>Au, à la, à l' ;</i>	<i>Aux, to the.</i>

The *definite article* must be placed, in French, before all nouns used in a *general sense*, or denoting a whole species of objects, and before names of countries and provinces, though the English admit of no article in this case : ex.

<i>L'homme est mortel,</i>	Man is mortal.
<i>Le Danemarck, la Suède et l'Angleterre, sont les trois royaumes du nord,</i>	Denmark, Sweden, and England, are the three northern kingdoms.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE

I	hate	idleness.	--	Virtue is	estimable.	--
<i>Je, pro. hais, v.</i>	<i> paresse, f.</i>	<i> vertu, f. est, v.</i>		<i> estimable, adj.</i>		
Gold is	preferable	to silver.	----	Do you <sup>2</sup>		
<i>Or, m.</i>	<i> préférable, adj.</i>	<i> argent, m.</i>		<i> vous, pro.</i>		
prefer <sup>1</sup>	England	to France ?		Corn grows		
<i>préférez, v.</i>	<i> Angleterre, f.</i>	<i> France, f.</i>		<i> Blé, m. croît, v.</i>		
for men,	and	grass	for cattle.	---	Love	
<i>pour, p. homme, m.</i>	<i> et, c.</i>	<i> herbe, f.</i>	<i> bétail, m.</i>	<i> Aimez, v.</i>		
wisdom.	---	Do	'not <sup>3</sup>	neglect <sup>2</sup>	study.	--
<i>sagesse, f.</i>	<i> ne pas, adv.</i>	<i> négligez, v.</i>	<i> étude, f.</i>			
Avoid	leisure.	---	She	comes from	church.	--
<i>Evitez, v</i>	<i> loisir, m.</i>	<i> Elle, pro. vient, v</i>		<i> église, f</i>		

We	speak	of America,	and not
<i>Nous, pro.</i>	<i>parlons, v.</i>	<i>Amérique, f.</i>	<i>non pas, adv.</i>
of Poland. ---	Grant	us	peace. ---
<i>Pologne, f.</i>	<i>Accordez, v.</i>	<i>nous, pro.</i>	<i>paix, f.</i>
Honour	is	due	to kings. ---
<i>Honneur, m.</i>	<i>dû, p. p.</i>	<i>roi, m.</i>	<i>Ils, pro.</i>
come from	Africa. ---	Pride	disgraces man. ---
<i>viennent, v.</i>	<i>Afrique, f.</i>	<i>Orgueil, m.</i>	<i>dégrade, v.</i>
Charity	patiently <sup>2</sup>	bears <sup>1</sup>	injuries. <sup>3</sup>
<i>Charité, f.</i>	<i>patiemment, adv.</i>	<i>souffre, v.</i>	<i>injure, f.</i>

This article is also placed before nouns used in a *specific sense*, or denoting a particular object, in which case the article is likewise expressed in English : ex.

*L'homme que vous m'avez*    The man whom you re-  
*recommandé est fort ha-*    commended to me is very  
*bile,*    skilful.

*Les poires de votre jardin*    The pears of your garden are  
*sont excellentes,*    excellent.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULE.

Where	is the	master of the	house ? ---	The
<i>Où, adv.</i>	<i>est</i>	<i>maître, m.</i>	<i>maison, f.</i>	
prince	spoke	to the king. ---	To the	third*
<i>prince, m.</i>	<i>parla, v.</i>		<i>troisième, adj.</i>	
page	of the book. ---	The <sup>1</sup> lazy <sup>2</sup>	do	not <sup>3</sup>
<i>page, f.</i>	<i>livre, m.</i>	<i> paresseux, adj. pl. ♂</i>		
love <sup>4</sup>	work <sup>5</sup> . ---	Justice is the	mistress and	
<i>aiment, v.</i>	<i>ouvrage, m.</i>	<i>Justice, f.</i>	<i>maîtresse, f.</i>	
queen of	virtue. ---	Send	the child to school. ---	
<i>reine, f.</i>		<i>Envoyez, v.</i>	<i>enfant, m. école, f.</i>	
Walk	in the garden.	Tranquility		
<i>Promenez-vous, v.</i>	<i>dans, p. jardin, m.</i>	<i>Tranquillité, f.</i>		
of soul is the	height of felicity. ---	Give the tooth-		
<i>âme, f.</i>	<i>comble, m.</i>	<i>félicité, f.</i>	<i>Donnez, v.</i>	
picks	to the gentlemen. ---	Education is to the		
<i>dent, m.</i>		<i>Messieurs, m.</i>	<i>Education, f.</i>	
mind, what	clearliness is to the	body. ---	The	
<i>esprit, m.</i>	<i>ce que, pro.</i>	<i>propreté, f.</i>	<i>corps, m.</i>	

\* Adjectives take no article unless used substantively



life of man is short. -- The enemies were on  
*vie, f. courte, adj. ennemi, m. étoient, v. sur, p.*  
 the mountain. -- You admire the beauty of  
*montagne, f. Vous, pro. admirez, v. beauté, f.*  
 the ladies. -- To the thickness of the walls. -- We  
*dame, f. épaisseur, f. muraille, f.*  
 go to the park. -- It is the will of the em-  
*ullons, v. parc, m. C'est, v. volonté, f. em-*  
 peror. -- The fate of nations is governed  
*pereur, m. sort, m. nation, f. gouverné, p. p.*  
 by Providence. -- You play with the boys. --  
*par, p. Providence, f. jouez, v. avec, m. garçon, p.*  
 -- Revenge is the pleasure of a weak<sup>2</sup> mind<sup>1</sup>. --  
*Vengeance, f. plaisir, m. un foible, adj.*  
 Italy is the garden of Europe. -- The most noble  
*Italie, f. Europe, f. plus, adv. noble, adj.*  
 of virtues is charity. -- Carry the grammar to the  
*portez, v. grammair, f.*  
 boys, and the dictionary to the girls. -- -- He  
*dictionnaire, m. fille, f. Il, pro.*  
 comes from the Indies. -- Give me the loaf.  
*vient, v. Inde, f. moi, pro. pain, m.*

This article being declinable in French, and conse-  
 quently admitting of different variations, ought to be re-  
 peated before all the *substantives* of a sentence, as well as  
 before *adjectives* used as *substantives*, and agree with  
 them in *gender* and *number* : ex.

*Le sel, la moutarde, et, The salt, mustard, and oil,*  
*l'huile, sont sur les tables, are on the tables.*  
*Le blanc, le rouge, et le noir, White, red, and black,*  
*sont trois différentes cou- are three different col-*  
*leurs, ours.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

Prefer Virtue to riches, friendship to  
*Préférez, v. richesses, f. pl. amitié, f.*  
 money, and utility to pleasure. -- The father, mother  
*argent, m. utilité, f. plaisir, m. père, m. mère, f.*  
 and children are dead. -- The men *father, and chil-*  
*sont, v. morts, p. p. femme, f.*

dren of the village were all at the burial. - - - -  
                                   *village, m. étoient, tous, adj. à, p. enterrement, m.*  
 Children generally\* like<sup>1</sup> apples and pears.  
                                   *ordinairement, adv. aiment, v. pomme, f. poire, f.*  
 I like yellow and grey. -- Peace and plenty  
                   *aime, v. jaune, m. gris, m. abondance, f.*  
 make men happy. - - - - - Wheat and barley  
*rendent, v. heureux, adj. Froment, m. orge, f.*  
 are dear. -- I hate milk, butter, and cheese. --  
                   *chers, adj. lait, m. beurre, m. fromage, m.*  
 Bring the knives and forks. -- Patience †  
*Apportez, v. couteau, m. fourchette, f. Patience, f.*  
 and perseverance are necessary. - - - 'The desire  
                   *persévérance, nécessaire, adj. désir, m.*  
 of glory, riches, power, and pleasure, is a  
                   *gloire, f. richesses, f. pl. pouvoir, m. une*  
 disease of the mind. - - - - Have you passed  
*maladie, f. âme, f. Avez, v. passé, p. p.*  
 through Spain, Portugal, or Holland? - - Pre-  
*par, p. Espagne, f. Portugal, m. ou Hollande, f.*  
 fer always virtue, prudence, and good sense  
                   *toujours, adv. prudence, f. bon, adj. sens, m.*  
 to beauty. -- Put the wine, beer and cider on  
                   *Mettez, v. vin, m. bière, f. cidre, m. sur, p.*  
 the table, - - - (It is said) that America, France, and  
                   *table, f. On dit que*  
 Spain have made peace with England.  
                   *ont, v. fait, p. p.*

On the contrary, this article, though expressed in English, must be omitted in French, before a noun employed as an apposition, or definition of the noun which precedes; and when it precedes a noun in the nominative or accusative case, denoting *dignity, office, or business*: ex.

*Alexandre, fils de Philippe, Alexander the son of Philip.*  
*Mon ami demeure à Londres, ville capitale d'Angleterre, My friend lives in London, the capital city of England.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Jupiter, a god of the heathens, was the son of  
                   *le dieu, m. • païens, m. étoit, v. fils, m.*

\* Place simple adverbs after verbs, and in compound tenses before the participles.

Saturn, and the father of the other gods. -- Robert,  
*Saturne*, *autres*,adj.  
 duke of Normandy, the brother of Henry, king  
*duc*,m. *Normandie*, *frère*,m. *Henri*,  
 of England, was the son of William the con-  
*Guillaume*, *con-*  
 queror. --- My sister lives at York, the cap-  
*quérant*,m. *Ma*, pro. *sœur*,f. *demeure*,v.à,p.  
 ital city of the county of the same name.  
*comté*,m. *même*,adj. *nom*,m.  
 Mr. C\*\*\*, the rector of the parish of St. James, and  
*curé*,m. *paroisse*,f. *Jâques*,  
 his brother, the dean of the cathedral, were  
*son*,pro. *doyen*,m. *cathédrale*,f. *étaient*,  
 the sons of Mr. L\*\*\*, the first lord of  
*premier*,adj. *seigneur*  
 the admiralty.  
*amirauté*,f.

In several instances, the definite article is neither ex-  
 pressed in English nor in French, as in narrations, when  
 the style is animated ; and after the conjunction *ni*, when  
 it implies a complete negation, otherwise it has an article,  
 requiring in both cases the negation *ne* before the verb :  
 ex.

*Conscience, honneur, intérêt,* Conscience, honour, inter-  
*tout est sacrifié ; il n'a* est, every thing is sacri-  
*ni justice, ni humanité.* ficed ; he has *neither* jus-  
 tice nor humanity.  
*Ni l'or, ni la grandeur ne* Neither gold nor greatness  
*nous rendent heureux,* can make us happy.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The town was taken by storm : men,  
*ville*,f. *fut*,v. *prise*,p.p. *d'assaut*,m.  
 women, children, old people, (every body) was  
*vieillard*,m. *tout*,adj.  
 put to death. -- Palaces, temples, public<sup>2</sup> build-  
*mis*,p.p. *à mort.* *Palais*,m. *édi-*  
 ings<sup>1</sup>, private<sup>2</sup> houses<sup>1</sup> (every thing) was  
*fice*,m. *particulière*,adj. *maison*,f. *tout*

destroyed - His father will<sup>2</sup> spare<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>neither<sup>3</sup>  
*détruit*, p. p. *Son*, pro. *épargnera*, v. ne n  
 pains nor money. --- (He is) a fatherless child,  
*peine*, f. sing. *C'est*, v. *orphelin*, adj. &  
 he has neither parents nor friends. -- Neither the  
 a parent, m. ami, m.  
 house nor bed are made for you.  
*lit*, m. *sont faits*.

When, in English, two or more substantives, signifying different things, come together in a sentence, having a dependence on each other, and having no stop between them, the last (in English) must be placed at the beginning of the sentence (in French), and the others having the sign of the English possessive case, thus ('s) or (') only, come after it, with the genitive of this article before them, according to their gender and number : ex.

*Le fils du roi,* The king's son.  
*La couronne de la reine,* The queen's crown.  
 That is, *the son of the king, the crown of the queen.*

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I have seen the king's apartments and the  
*ai*, v. *vu*, p. p. *appartement*, m.  
 queen's picture. --- The chancellor's son's wife is  
*portrait*, m. *chancelier*, m.  
 the prime minister's eldest<sup>2</sup> sister<sup>1</sup>. --- The man's  
*premier*, *ainée*, adj. *sœur*, f.  
 strength is very great. --- Lend me the  
*force*, f. *grande*, adj. *Prêtez*, v. *moi*, pro.  
 maid's cloak. --- My cousin's brother is  
*servante*, f. *mantelet*, m. *Mon*, pro. *cousin*, m.  
 my uncle's best friend. --- The title of  
*oncle*, m. *meilleur*, adj. *ami*, m. *titre*, m.  
 Dauphin belongs to the king of France's eldest<sup>2</sup>  
*appartient*, v. *ainé*,  
<sup>1</sup>son. -- Modesty is a woman's greatest orna-  
*Modestie*, f. *une femme*, f. *le plus grand*, adj. *orne-*  
 ment,  
*ment*, m.

The genitive of this article is often made in English by to, especially before nouns expressing *alliance, consanguin-*

ity, or kindred, witness, or inheritance ; and in short whenever to may be rendered by the above genitive definite : ex.

*Monseigneur le duc de \*\*\** ; My lord duke of \*\*\*, brother to the king, or the king's brother.  
frère du roi,

## EXERCISE UPON THIS ARTICLE.

Mr. Richard, brother to the Prince's steward,  
Mons. intendant,m.  
has married Miss Prescott, niece to the Constable  
a,v. épousé,p.p. Mlle. nièce,f. Connétable,m.  
of the Tower. --- I have spoken to the Marchioness  
Tour,f. parlé,p.p. Marquise,f.  
of \*\*\*, sister to the queen's first Lady of honor. --  
Dame,f.  
Mr. Henry, perfumer to the Princess, has made  
Henri,m. parfumeur,m. fait,p.p.  
a <sup>2</sup>considerable <sup>1</sup>fortune. --- The heir to the  
considérable,adj. fortune,f. héritier,m.  
crown of Portugal is the Prince of Brazil. -- My  
couronne,f. du Brésil,m.  
father was witness to that quarrel. ---  
a été,p.p. témoin,m. celle,pro. querelle,f.  
I am a friend to <sup>2</sup>diligent <sup>1</sup>scholars, and an  
suis,v. ∞ diligent,adj. écolier,m. ∞  
enemy to idleness.  
ennemi,m. paresse,f.

After the adverb *bien*, when placed before a substantive and signifying *much*, *a great deal*, *many*, the genitive of this same article must always be used · ex

*Bien du mérite*, Much merit.  
*Bien des amis*, Many friends.  
*Bien de l'argent*, A great deal of money.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The children make much noise. ---- This man  
font,v. bruit,m. Cet,pro.  
has (a great deal) of money, but he has also many  
aussi,adv



hot<sup>1</sup> rolls<sup>2</sup> man<sup>1</sup>, and the gingerbread-woman  
*chauds*, adj. *pain*, m. pl. *pain d'épices*, m.  
 called here. - - - We had cabbage-soup, -  
*ont passé*, p. p. *ici*, adv. *cômes*, v. *chou*, m. pl. *de la soupe*,  
 a rice-pudding, a (leg of mutton) with caper -  
*un riz*, m. *pouding*, m. *gigot*, m. *capre*, f. pl.  
 sauce and ice-cream. - - We shall have pease-  
*de la sauce*, f. *glace*, f. *aurons*, v. *pois*, m.  
 porridge, a salt<sup>2</sup> cod,<sup>1</sup> with egg-sauce, and a  
*de la soupe* *une salée*, adj. *morue*, f. *œuf*, m. pl.  
 turbot with lobster-sauce - - I bought a plum -  
*homard*, m. pl. *ai acheté* *raisins*, secs, m.  
 cake, an apple - tart, and two gooseberry and  
*gâteau*, m. *pomme*, f. pl. *tarte*, f. *groseille*, f. pl.  
 cherry pies.  
*cerise*, f. pl. *tourte*.

## DECLENSION OF THE ARTICLE PARTITIVE

### SINGULAR.—Masculine.

Nom. Acc. *du pain*, some bread.  
 Gen. Abl. *de pain*, of or from some bread.  
 Dat. *à du pain*, to some bread.

### Feminine.

Nom. Acc. *de la viande*, some meat.  
 Gen. Abl. *de viande*, of or from some meat.  
 Dat. *à de la viande*, to some meat.

### Masculine or Feminine.

Nom. Acc. *de l'argent*, some money.  
 Gen. Abl. *d'argent*, of or from some money.  
 Dat. *à de l'argent*, to some money.

The plural is the same for both genders.

Nom. Acc.	{	<i>des livres</i> , some books.
	{	<i>des auteurs</i> , some authors.
Gen. Abl	{	<i>de livres</i> , of or from some books.
	{	<i>d'auteurs</i> , of or from some authors.
	{	<i>à des livres</i> , to some books.
Dat.	{	<i>à des auteurs</i> , to some authors.

N. B. In asking a question, the English generally make use of *any*, which, in French, must be rendered by the same article, as *some*: ex.

*Y a-t-il du pain ici ?* Is there any bread here ?  
*Avez-vous de la viande ?* Have you any meat ?

This article must be used wherever the English word *some* or *any* is either expressed or understood, and ought to be repeated before every substantive in a sentence: ex.

*Du pain et de l'eau lui suffisent,* Bread and water are sufficient for him.

*Apportez du vinaigre, de la moutarde, de l'huile et des fourchettes,* Bring some vinegar, mustard, oil and forks.

*Avez-vous de l'argent à nous prêter ?* Have you any money to lend us ?

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS ARTICLE.

Bread, meat, and water, are things necessary  
*sont, v. chosef. nécessaires, adj.*

to man. --- I drink wine and water. -- She eats  
*bois, v. mange, v.*

cheese. --- Bring me some mustard. --- Have you  
*fromage, m.*

bought some paper, pens, and ink ? -- Send  
*acheté, p. p. papier, m. plume, f. encre, f.*

him some bread, meat, and potatoes. --- Do you?  
*lui pomme de terre, f. s.*

sell<sup>1</sup> fruit<sup>3</sup> ? -- Buy some tea and sugar. --  
*vendez, v. fruit, m. Achetez, v. thé, m.*

Will you eat some beef with turnips and  
*Voulez, v. manger, v. bœuf, m. navet, m.*

carrots ? -- Do you drink beer ? - (Is there) any  
*carotte, f. s. buvez, bière, f. Y a-t-il*

wine in the cellar ? --- (Was there) any oil in the  
*Yavoit-il*

bottle ? -- I<sup>1</sup> have<sup>3</sup> given<sup>4</sup> him<sup>2</sup> bread, money,  
*donné, p. p. lui, pro.*

and clothes. -- She has modesty and prudence. --  
*habit, m. modestie, f. prudence, f.*

He has bought some dishes and plates. --- Will  
*plat, m. assiette, f.*

you have some milk or cream ? -- I eat fish, eggs,  
*s œuf, m.*



greens, artichokes, and asparagus. -- Bread, meat,  
*légume, artichaut, m. asperge, f. pl.*  
 fish and vegetables, often<sup>2</sup> make<sup>1</sup> a good  
*végétaux, m. pl. souvent, adv. font, v. bon*  
 dinner.  
*dîner, m.*

If the substantive be preceded by an adjective, instead of *du, de la, des*, we must use *de* or *d'* : as,

	Masc.	Fem.	Masc. or Fem.
N. Ac. {	<i>De mauvais vin,</i>	<i>De bonne eau,</i>	<i>D'excellent pain,</i>
G. Abl. {	Bad wine,	Good water,	Excellent bread,
Dat.	<i>à de mauvais vin,</i>	<i>à de bonne eau,</i>	<i>à d'excellent pain,</i>
	To bad wine.	To good water.	To excellent bread.

## PLURAL.

N. Ac. {	<i>De bons livres,</i>	<i>d'habiles gens,</i>
G. Ab. {	Good books,	Learned men.
Dat.	<i>à de bons livres,</i>	<i>à d'habiles gens,</i>
	To good books.	To learned men.

N. B. This last rule is without exception. But some persons find it difficult to distinguish between the genitive of the definite and this article ; now let them but parse, and they will perceive that in this phrase : *Londres est le centre du bon goût*, *du* is no more than the genitive of the definite article denoting what kind of *taste*.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

You always<sup>2</sup> read<sup>1</sup> good books. -- <sup>1</sup>Bad wine<sup>2</sup>  
*toujours, adv. lisez, v.*  
 is<sup>4</sup> <sup>3</sup>not<sup>5</sup> worth<sup>4</sup> good water. --- He speaks to learned  
*vaut, v. parle, v.*  
 men. --- I have heard good news. ---  
*gens, f.\* appris, p. p. bonne, adj. nouvelle, f. pl.*  
 You have fine fruit. --- She has worthy  
*avez, v. beau, adj. digne, adj.*  
 friends. -- Bring me good pens. -- Onions, celery,  
*Oignons, m. céleri, m.*  
 leeks, chervil, and (a great deal) of meat make  
*poireau, m. cerfeuil, m. beaucoup, adv. font, v*

\* *Gens*, preceded by an adjective, is of the feminine gender.  
 When the adjective follows, it is put in the masculine.

what the French call good  
*ce que*, pro. *François*, m. pl. *appellent*, v.  
 broth. ---- I prefer good water to bad cider. ----  
*bouillon*, m. *cidre*, m.  
 I have discoursed with learned people. -- My father  
*conversé*, p. p. *gens*, f.  
 has in his garden good plums, fine peaches,  
*son*, pro. *prune*, f. *belle*, adj. *pêche*, f.  
 and very large apricots. ---- Miss Sharp  
*très*, adv. *gros*, adj. *abricot*, m. *Mlle*, f.  
 has fine eyes. -- Paris is the centre of wit.  
*beau*, *œil*, m. *bel esprit*, m.

## DECLENSION OF THE ARTICLE INDEFINITE,

used before proper names of persons and places, and in the Gen. and Abl. the *e* is cut off before a vowel or an *h* mute, as usual.

### SINGULAR.—Masculine.

Nom. Acc. *Pierre*, Peter.  
 Gen. Abl. *de Pierre*, of Peter.  
 Dat. *à Pierre*, to Peter.

### Feminine.

Nom. Acc. *Marie*, Maria.  
 Gen. Abl. *de Marie*, of Maria.  
 Dat. *à Marie*, to Maria.  
 Nom. Acc. *Antoine*, Antony.  
 Gen. Abl. *d' Antoine*, of Antony.  
 Dat. *à Antoine*, to Antony.  
 Nom. Acc. *Londres*, London.  
 Gen. Abl. *de Londres*, of London.  
 Dat. *à Londres*, to London.

N. B. It is necessary to observe, that the particle *To*, used after a word signifying *coming, going, returning, or sending to*, placed before the name of a *kingdom, republic, country, province, or county*, must be rendered in French by the preposition *en*, without any article : ex.

*Mon frère est allé en Italie,* My brother is gone to Italy.  
*Il doit bientôt, retourner en* He is soon to go back to  
*Amérique* America.

On the contrary, *to* must be rendered by *de*, when immediately preceded by the words *road*, or *path-way* : ex.

*Le chemin de Londres,*      The road *to* London.

*Le chemin de Paris,*      The way *to* Paris.

It must be observed that the *proper names* of most of the islands and other countries, both in the East and West-Indies, and a few places in Europe, do not follow the above rule, but take the definite article, such as *l'Abyssinie*, Abyssinia ; *le Brésil*, Brasil ; *le Caire*, Cairo ; *le Canada*, Canada ; *la Guadeloupe*, Guadaloup ; *la Jamique*, Jamaica ; *le Japon*, Japan ; *la Martinique*, Martinico ; *le Pérou*, Peru ; *la Virginie*, Virginia ; *le Mexique*, Mexico ; and a few others : ex.

<i>Venir</i>	{ <i>de l'Abyssinie,</i> <i>du Brésil,</i> <i>du Caire,</i>	}	to come	{ from Abyssinia from Brasil, from Cairo.
<i>Aller</i>	{ <i>à la Chine,</i> <i>au Canada,</i> <i>au Japon,</i>	}	to go	{ to China, to Canada, to Japan.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE RULES.

(Here is) John's brother. -- Speak to Martha

*Voici*,adv. Jean      *Parlez*,v. Martha

It is Peter's hat. ---- She goes to Richmond.

*C'est*,v.      *chapeau*,m.      *va*,v.

He comes from Paris. --- You have Mr.

*vient*,v.

*Mons.*

Richard's sword. -- When<sup>1</sup> will<sup>2</sup> you<sup>3</sup> go<sup>2</sup> to

*épée*,f      *Quand*,adv.      *irez*,v.

France ? -- I know not, for my father says

*sais*,v.      *ne pas*,adv.      *car*,c.      *dit*,v.

that he (will<sup>2</sup> send) me<sup>1</sup> soon to Canada or

*que*,c.      *il*,pro.      *enverra*,v.      *bientôt*,adv.

Jamaica. -- Give me Laura's cap. ---- I (am going)

*Laure bonnet*,m.      *vais*,v.

to Roxbury. -- I have found Andrew's waistcoat

*trouvé*,p.p. *André*,m.      *veste*,f.

She (shall come back) to England (next year)

*reviendra*,v.

*l'année prochaine*

to see her brother who is arrived from

*pour voir*,v. *son*,      *qui*,pro.      *est*,v.      *arrivé*,p.p.

Japan and China. -- Carry that to Stephen. --  
*Portez, v. cela, pro. Etienne.*  
 (Here is) the road to Medford. ---- My mother  
*Ma, pro.*  
 intends to send my sister to Portugal  
*se propose de, v. envoyer, v. ma, pro.*  
 or Spain, and thence to Rome, and my cousin (is to)  
*de là doit, v.*  
 go to Mexico or Cairo.  
*aller, v. ou, c.*

The genitive of this article *de* is used after nouns and adverbs of *quantity*, whether expressed in English or not ; after the negation *pas* or *point*, no or not ; the word *que*, what, standing for how much, or how many, and *quelque chose*, something, *rien*, nothing ; before names of countries, kingdoms and provinces, when preceded by a noun expressing a personal title, &c. or by a verb signifying *coming*, *arriving*, or *returning from* : ex.

<i>Tant de pommes,</i>	So many apples.
<i>Tant d'argent,</i>	So much money.
<i>Point de repos,</i>	No rest.
<i>Que de peines et de soins !</i>	What care and trouble !
<i>Quelque chose* de bon,</i>	Something good.
<i>Il arrive de France,</i>	He arrives from France.
<i>Rien de mauvais,</i>	Nothing bad.
<i>Le roi d'Angleterre,</i>	The king of England.
<i>Elle vient d'Amérique,</i>	She comes from America.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS ARTICLE.

I have bought six yards of cloth. --- Bring  
*acheté, p.p. six aune drap, m.*  
 me three pounds of veal, and two pounds of  
*trois livre veau, m. deux*  
 mutton. -- She has a great number of children. --  
*mouton, m. un grand, adj. nombre, m.*  
 He has (too much) vanity. --- You have less merit,  
*trop, adv. vanité, f. moins, adv.*

\* It must be observed, that the word *chose*, standing by itself, is of the feminine gender ; but, being joined to the word *quelque*, it is of the masculine.

but more wisdom. -- What a noise you make.  
*mais, c. plus, adv. sagesse*      *bruit, m. faites, v.*  
 (How many) fools in the world! -- Do 'not' give<sup>3</sup>  
*fou monde, m. ne pas, adv.*  
 her<sup>2</sup> (too many) pears. -- I<sup>1</sup> have<sup>3</sup> 'no'<sup>4</sup> daugh-  
*lui, pro. trop, adv. ai ne point, adv.*  
 ters<sup>5</sup>. -- (So much) pride does 'not'<sup>4</sup> become<sup>3</sup> him<sup>2</sup>. --  
*Tant, adv. orgueil, m. s'ied, v. lui, pro.*  
 (There is) something noble in his physiognomy. --  
*Il y a, v. sa, pro. physionomie.*  
 We have (so many) grapes. -- They have a little  
*raisin, m. un peu, adv.*  
 money. --- I know the king of Prussia. -- Did you  
*connois, v. Prusse, f. Avez, v.*  
 see the duke of Bavaria with the archbishop  
*vu, p. p. duc, m. Bavière, f. archevêque, m.*  
 of York? -- He commanded an army of forty  
*commandoit, v. une armée, f. quarante*  
 thousand men. -- She<sup>1</sup> says<sup>3</sup> 'nothing'<sup>4</sup> true<sup>5</sup>. ---  
*mille dit, v. ne rien, adv. vrai, adj.*  
 You speak of Alexander, king of Macedonia. --  
*parlez, v. Alexandre, m. Macédoine, f.*  
 Do you<sup>2</sup> come<sup>1</sup> from Italy? --- No, I come  
*venez, v. Non, adv. viens, v.*  
 from Africa.  
*Afrique.*

*De* is likewise placed before nouns governed by another substantive, of which they express the *character, cause, country, matter, nature, and quality*; and after the *adjectives of number*, when they are followed by a participle passive: ex.

<i>Une maison de brique,</i>	A <sup>1</sup> brick <sup>3</sup> house <sup>2</sup> .
<i>Un bonnet de nuit,</i>	A night cap.
<i>Une cuiller d'argent,</i>	A silver spoon.
<i>Du poisson de rivière,</i>	River fish.
<i>Du vin de Bourgogne,</i>	Burgundy <sup>2</sup> wine <sup>1</sup> .
<i>Quatre de renvoyés,</i>	Four (sent away.)

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS ARTICLE.

Your<sup>1</sup> sister<sup>2</sup> has<sup>3</sup> a<sup>4</sup> silk<sup>6</sup> gown<sup>5</sup> and a gold  
*Votre, pro. sœur, f. a, v. une soie, f. robe, un or, m.*

thimble. -- We drink Champaigne wine. --- It is a  
*dé, m. buvons, v. C'est, v.*  
 marble pillar. ---- They have a country  
*marbre pillier, m. une campagne*  
 house built with oak wood. --  
*maison construite, p. p. de, p. chêne bois.*  
 Edinburgh is the capital city of the kingdom  
*Edinbourg, m. capitale, adj. ville, f. royaume, m.*  
 of Scotland. -- Shut the fore-door. -- A lady  
*Ecosse. Fermez, v. devant porte, f. Une*  
 of wit is a jewel of worth. --- (He is) a man  
*esprit un joyau, m. prix. C'est, v.*  
 of honor. --- She has bought silver buckles  
*honneur. argent boucle, f.*  
 and diamond ear-rings. ---- Have you  
*diamant pendans-d'oreille, m. Avez, v.*  
 spoken to the silk-merchant? --- Give me the  
*parlé, p. p. marchand, m.*  
 upper-crust. --- Bring me my straw-hat and  
*dessus croûte, f. mon paille chapeau, m.*  
 my night-cap. --- Miss Brown's chamber-maid and  
*nuit bonnet, m. Mlle. chambre fille, f.*  
 Mrs. Rose's house-keeper are two sis-  
*Mme. femme de charge, f. deux*  
 ters. -- The rich make use of silver plate,  
*riche, m. pl. se servent, v. vaisselle*  
 and the poor make use of iron forks  
*pauvre, m. pl. font, v. usage, m. fer, m.*  
 and pewter spoons. --- The enemies had a  
*étain, m. cuiller. eurent, v. &*  
 hundred men killed, seventy wounded, and  
*cent tués, p. p. soixante-dix. blessés, p. p.*  
 forty lost.  
*quarante perdus, p. p.*

*De* is placed after the adjectives signifying dimension,  
 as, *épais*, thick; *gros*, big, large; *haut*, high, tall; *large*,  
 wide, broad; *long*, long; and *profond*, deep; though  
 there is no article expressed in English: ex.

*Un table longue de dix pieds, A table ten feet long and*  
*et large de huit. eight broad.*

But there is a more elegant way, which is, to turn the adjective of dimension into the substantive ; then the words of measure and those of dimension are preceded by *de*: ex.

*Un table de dix pieds de longueur, et de huit de largeur,* A table ten feet long and eight broad.

In this last example it may be seen, that the French and English are parallel with each other ; therefore, in the following exercise, the adjective and substantive are put down, that the learner may translate it both ways.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I saw a tree eighteen feet large.  
*J'ai, v. vu, p. p. un arbre, m. dix-huit pied, m. gros-*  
 --- I have a box four inches thick,  
*seur.\* une boîte, f. quatre pouce, m. épais-seur,*  
 ten feet long and six broad. -- I know  
*dix pied, m. long-ueur, large-ur. connois, v.*  
 a man seven feet high. --- (It is) a ditch  
*un sept haut-eur. C'est, v. un fossé, m.*  
 nine feet six inches deep and five feet broad.  
*neuf profond-eur cinq*  
 (There is) a room fifty paces long and  
*Voilà une chambre, f. cinquante pas, m.*  
 twenty broad. --- The walls of our garden  
*vingt muraille, f. notre, pro.*  
 are or (have) thirty feet three inches high, and two  
*sont, v. or font, v. trente trois deux*  
 feet broad. -- I have a tree eighteen feet round  
*un arbre, m. dix-huit gros-seur, f.*  
 and sixty high.

If the learner translate this last sentence by the adjective of dimension, he must use the word *sont*, which is the proper word of the English *are*, and follows the preceding rule ; but if he turn the adjective of dimension into its substantive, the word *sont*, are, is to be rendered into French by the verb *ont*, have, and *de* before the word of measure is suppressed.

\* Read *gros*, adjective, *grosseur*, substantive, without separation, and so of the others. See the rules to form the feminine gender, p. 50.

† See the rule upon *avoir* and *être*, next page.

Literal example by the adjective :

*Notre chambre est longue de vingt pieds, et large de douze.* Our room is long by twenty feet, and wide by twelve.

By the substantive :

*Notre chambre a vingt pieds de longueur, et douze de largeur.* Our room has twenty feet in length and twelve in width.

When two substantives are joined together, both making a compound word in English, the first of which denotes the *form* or *use* of the second; the latter must be placed before the former in French, and followed by the particle *à*, in the sense of *for*.

*Un moulin à papier,* A paper<sup>2</sup> mill<sup>1</sup>.  
*Une boîte à poudre,* A powder<sup>2</sup> box<sup>1</sup>

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Gun - powder was invented by a monk.

*Canon, m. poudre, f. fut, v. inventée, p. p. par, p. moine, m.*

The servant has lost the steel, and cannot

light the candle. - - - If you go to London

*allumer, v. perdu, p. p. briquet, m. ne peut pas*

to-morrow, bring me a toupee-iron. - Have you

*demain, adv. chandelle, f. Si, c. allez, v.*

seen the water-mill which my father has bought ?

*vu, p. p. que, pro. acheté, p. p.*

No, but I have seen the wind-mill which your

*Non, adv. vent, m.*

brother has built at Greenwich. - - - I have

*fait bâtir, v. à*

found your sister's work - bag. - - - William has for-

*ouvrage sac, m. Guillaume a dé-*

bidden his children to go to the dancing room.

*fendu à ses d'aller danser salle, f.*

#### DECLENSION of UN, m. UNE, f. A or AN.

##### SINGULAR.—Masculine.

Nom. Acc. *un livre*, a book.



Gen. Abl. *d'un livre*, of or from a book.  
 Dat. *à un livre*, to a book.

## Feminine.

Nom. Acc. *une plume*, a pen.  
 Gen. Abl. *d'une plume*, of or from a pen.  
 Dat. *à une plume*, to a pen.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I have a hat and a sword. --- She speaks  
*chapeau*,m. *épée*,f. *parle*,v.  
 of an officer. --- He<sup>1</sup> has<sup>3</sup> given<sup>4</sup> it<sup>2</sup> to<sup>5</sup> a  
*officier*,m. *donné*,p.p. *le*,pro.  
 sailor. - - (There are) a bird and a cage. ---  
*matelot*,m. *Voilà* *oiseau*,m. *cage*,f.  
 An ungrateful man is a monster (in the) eyes of a  
*ingrat*,m. *monstre*,m. *aux* *œil*,m.  
 sensible<sup>2</sup> man<sup>1</sup>. - - Alexander was a great warrior,  
*sensé*,adj. *Alexandre*,m. *était*,v. *guerrier*,m.  
 and a very learned philosopher. - - A fine  
*très*,adv. *savant*,adj. *philosophe*,m. *belle*,adj.  
 flower in a garden is an ornament.  
*fleur*,f. *ornement*,m.

It must be observed, that the English article *a* or *an*, before nouns of measure, weight, and number, must be rendered in French by the definite articles, *le*, *la*, *les* ; and by the preposition *par*, used for *time* and *space* in the sense of *each*, *every*, or *per* : ex.

<i>Deux chelins le cent,</i>	Two shillings <i>a</i> hundred.
<i>Un écu le boisseau,</i>	A crown <i>a</i> bushel.
<i>Cinq chelins par semaine,</i>	Five shillings <i>a</i> week.
<i>Une guinée par mois,</i>	One guinea <i>a</i> month.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Barley	sells	for three shillings a bushel. ---
<i>Orge</i> ,f.	<i>se vend</i> ,v.	<i>pour</i>
That	ale (is worth)	six pence a pint. ---
<i>Cette</i> ,pro.	<i>ale</i> ,f.	<i>vaut</i> ,v. <i>sou</i> ,m. <i>pinte</i> ,f.
Beef	costs	eight pence a pound. ----
<i>Bœuf</i> ,m.	<i>coûte</i> ,v.	<i>huit</i> ,adj. <i>livre</i> ,f.
This	lace	cost a crown an ell. --- He
<i>Cette</i> ,pro.	<i>dentelle</i> ,f.	<i>coûta</i> ,v. <i>écu</i> ,m. <i>aune</i> ,f.

sells his best cloth a guinea a yard. --  
*vend, v. son, pro. meilleur drap, m. une verge, f.*  
 Burgundy wine (is sold) nine shillings a bottle. ---  
*le vin se vend, v. neuf, adj.*  
 My shoemaker sold<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> two pairs of  
*Mon, pro. cordonnier, m. a rendu, p. p. paire, f.*  
 shoes (at the rate) of <sup>2</sup>half <sup>1</sup>a guinea a pair. -- My  
*soulier, m. à raison demi*  
 master comes twice a week. -- My uncle goes  
*vient, v. deux fois, adv. va, v.*  
 to France thrice a year. --- She gives three  
*trois fois, adv. an, m. donne, v.*  
 shillings a day, and ten pence a mile.  
*jour, m. mille, m.*

According to the rule p. 46, *a* or *an* is not expressed in French before the second noun when it qualifies the first ; the same article is likewise omitted when the verb *être* precedes the substantive ; excepting when that verb has *ce* for its nominative : in the first instance the noun is employed as an adjective, in the second as a substantive ; thus *il est homme* signifies, he has the feelings of a man, while *c'est un homme* means, there is a man.

<i>M. D., membre de la cham-</i>	<i>M. D., a member of the</i>
<i>bre des communes,</i>	<i>house of commons.</i>
<i>Etes-vous Anglois ?</i>	<i>Are you an Englishman ?</i>
<i>Non, Monsieur, je suis-</i>	<i>No, sir, I am a French-</i>
<i>François,</i>	<i>man.</i>

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I saw the duke of C\*\*\*, a prince of the blood,  
*J'ai vu duc, m. sang, m.*  
 who (was speaking) to Mr. F., a member of  
*qui, pro. parloit, v.*  
 parliament. -- His cousin is a surgeon, and his brother  
*parlement, m. Son chirurgien, m.*  
 is a physician. -- My sister is a milliner,  
*médecin, m. marchande de modes, f.*  
 my brother is a tailor, and I am a carpenter. ---  
*tailleur, m. charpentier, m.*  
 I have read Castor and Pollux, a <sup>2</sup>French <sup>1</sup>opera. ---  
*opéra, m.*

Bristol, a sea - port, passes now  
                     *mer*,f. *port*,m. *passe*,v.      *à présent*,adv.  
 for the second city of the kingdom of Eng-  
*pour*,p.  
 land. --- Is she a duchess, or a marchioness ?  
                     *Est*,v.      *duchesse*,f.      *marquise*,f.  
 --- No, she is a countess.  
                     *comtesse*,f.

## OF NOUNS ADJECTIVE.

Adjectives form their plural as the substantives.

**RULE to form their FEMININE GENDER.**

Many adjectives in *al* have no plural for their masculine ; as *conjugal*, conjugal ; *fatal*, fatal ; *filial*, filial ; *natal*, natal ; *naval*, naval ; *total*, total ; and some few others, with which a little practice will soon acquaint the learner.

Adjectives ending in *e* mute are of both genders : ex.

*Un jeune homme,*                      A young man.  
*Une jeune femme,*                      A young woman.

Adjectives ending with one of the following letters *d, e, i, l, n, r, s, t,* and *u,* form their feminine by adding an *e* mute : ex.

Masc. *Grand,*                      Fem. *grande*,\* great, tall, large.  
                     *Poli,*                              *polie,*      polite.

\* When that adjective precedes a substantive singular of the feminine gender, beginning with a consonant, we often suppress, in French, both in the pronunciation and writing the *e*, which is supplied by an apostrophe, as in the following instances.

<i>A grand' peine,</i>	with hard labor.
<i>Avoir { grand' faim, }</i>	to be { very hungry.
<i>{ grand' soif, }</i>	{ very thirsty.
<i>{ grand' peur, }</i>	{ very much frightened.
<i>Faire grand' chère,</i>	to live well, to fare sumptuously.
<i>La grand' mère,</i>	the grand mother.
<i>La grand' messe,</i>	the high mass.
<i>La grand' chambre,</i>	the high court.

Should however the word *grande* be preceded by *très, fort, very, une, one,* or *la plus, the most,* then the final *e* must be added ; as,

*Une fort grande salle,*                      A very large room.

<i>Aimé,</i>	<i>aimée,</i>	loved.
<i>Civil,</i>	<i>civile,</i>	civil.
<i>Demi,</i>	<i>demie,</i>	half.
<i>Nu,</i>	<i>nue,</i>	naked.

The last two adjectives are indeclinable when they precede a substantive, but are declinable when they follow it : ex.

<i>Une demi-livre,</i>	A half-pound.
<i>Une livre et demie,</i>	A pound and a half.
<i>Nu tête, bare head, }</i>	<i>la tête nue.</i>
<i>Nu pieds, bare feet, }</i>	<i>les pieds nus.</i>

There are a few ending in *an, as, el, il, eil, ien, in, es, et, is, on, os, ot, and ul*, that double the final letter, before an *e* mute, for the feminine : ex.

<b>Masc.</b> <i>Gras,</i>	<b>Fem.</b> <i>grasse,</i>	fat.
<i>Gentil,</i>	<i>gentille,</i>	genteel.
<i>Eternel,</i>	<i>éternelle,</i>	eternal.
<i>Pareil,</i>	<i>pareille,</i>	alike.
<i>Chrétien,</i>	<i>chrétienne,</i>	christian.
<i>Epais,</i>	<i>épaisse,</i>	thick.
<i>Bon,</i>	<i>bonne,</i>	good.
<b>Masc.</b> <i>Gros,</i>	<b>Fem.</b> <i>grosse,</i>	big.
<i>Sot,</i>	<i>sotte,</i>	foolish, simple.

The following are very irregular, and cannot be comprised under any rule, viz.

<b>Masc.</b> <i>Beau, Bel,*</i>	<b>Fem.</b> <i>belle,</i>	handsome, fine.
<i>Bénin,</i>	<i>bénigne,</i>	benign.
<i>Favori,</i>	<i>favorite,</i>	favorite.
<i>Fou, fol,*</i>	<i>folle,</i>	foolish, crazy.
<i>Frais,</i>	<i>fraîche,</i>	fresh.
<i>Long,</i>	<i>longue,</i>	long.
<i>Malin,</i>	<i>maligne,</i>	malicious.
<i>Mou, mol,*</i>	<i>molle,</i>	soft.
<i>Nouveau, nouvel,*</i>	<i>nouvelle,</i>	new, novel.
<i>Vieux, vieil,*</i>	<i>vieille,</i>	old.

Adjectives ending in *c* add *he* to the *c* for their feminine : ex.

\* These adjectives are used before substantives beginning with a vowel or *h* not aspirated.

Masc. <i>Blanc,</i>	Fem. <i>blanche,</i>	white.
<i>Franc,</i>	<i>franche,</i>	sincere.
<i>Sec,</i>	<i>sèche,</i>	dry, &c.

The four following are excepted :

Masc. <i>Caduc,</i>	Fem. <i>caduque,</i>	in decay.
<i>Grec,</i>	<i>Grecque,</i>	Greek.
<i>Public,</i>	<i>publique</i>	public.
<i>Turc,</i>	<i>Turque,</i>	Turkish.

Those ending in *f* change *f* into *ve* for the feminine :  
ex.

Masc. <i>Bref,</i>	Fem. <i>brève,</i>	short.
<i>Naïf,</i>	<i>naïve,</i>	plain, ingenuous.
<i>Neuf,</i>	<i>neuve,</i>	new, not old.
<i>Veuf,</i>	<i>veuve,</i>	widowed.
<i>Vif,</i>	<i>vive,</i>	quick.

Adjectives ending in *x*, change *x* into *se* : ex.

Masc. <i>Douloureux,</i>	Fem. <i>douloureuse,</i>	painful, dolorous.
<i>Heureux,</i>	<i>heureuse,</i>	happy, &c
<i>Jaloux,</i>	<i>jalouse,</i>	jealous.

The following are excepted :

Masc. <i>Doux,</i>	Fem. <i>douce,</i>	sweet.
<i>Faux,</i>	<i>fausse,</i>	false.
<i>Perplex,</i>	<i>perplexe,</i>	perplexed.
<i>Préfix,</i>	<i>préfixe</i>	prefixed.
<i>Roux,</i>	<i>rousse,</i>	reddish.

## DECLENSION OF NOUNS ADJECTIVE.

French adjectives must agree with their substantives in *gender*, *number*, and *case* : ex.

### SINGULAR.—Masculine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>Le bon livre,</i>	the good book.
Gen. Abl.	<i>Du bon livre,</i>	of or from the good book.
Dat.	<i>Au bon livre,</i>	to the good book.

### PLURAL.

Nom. Acc.	<i>Les bons livres,</i>	the good books.
Gen. Abl.	<i>des bons livres,</i>	of or from the good books.
Dat.	<i>aux bons livres,</i>	to the good books.

## SINGULAR.—Feminine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>La bonne plume</i> , the good pen.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de la bonne plume</i> , of or from the good pen.
Dat.	<i>à la bonne plume</i> , to the good pen.

## PLURAL.

Nom. Acc.	<i>Les bonnes plumes</i> , the good pens
Gen. Abl.	<i>des bonnes plumes</i> , of or from the good pens.
Dat.	<i>aux bonnes plumes</i> , to the good pens.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The tall man, the little		woman, and the	
		<i>petit</i> ,adj.	
pretty children, whom I met			yesterday
<i>joli</i> ,adj.	<i>que</i> ,pro.	<i>ai rencontrés</i> ,p.p.	<i>hier</i> ,adv.
with their grandmother	(were going)	to London :	
	<i>alloient</i> ,v.		
they were all very hungry and thirsty. ---	The polite <sup>2</sup>		
<i>avoient</i> ,v.			
inhabitants <sup>1</sup>	of that	fine city treat	all the
<i>habitant</i> ,m.	<i>cette</i> ,pro.	<i>traitent</i> ,v.	
strangers	in a	civil <sup>2</sup> and frank <sup>3</sup> manner <sup>1</sup> .	---
<i>étranger</i> ,m.	<i>d'une</i>	<i>manière</i> ,f.	
Lean <sup>2</sup>	sheep <sup>1</sup>	grow	fat in good
<i>Maigre</i> ,adj.	<i>les brebis</i> ,f.pl.	<i>deviennent</i> ,v.	<i>dans</i> ,p.
pastures. ---	Constant <sup>2</sup> study <sup>1</sup>	joined	to a great
<i>pâturage</i> ,m.	<i>étude</i> ,f.	<i>joint</i> ,p.p.	
application	makes	men learned.	--- The new <sup>2</sup>
<i>application</i> ,f.	<i>rend</i> ,v.	<i>savant</i> ,adj.	<i>neuf</i>
coat <sup>1</sup>	which	you <sup>2</sup> gave	<sup>1</sup> me, is
<i>habit</i> ,m.	<i>que</i> ,pro.	<i>avez donné</i> ,p.p.	
better	than	the old great-coat	which my
<i>meilleur</i> ,adj.	<i>que</i> ,c.	<i>redingote</i> ,f.	
father had	bought at	his tailor's.	-- We went
	<i>avoit achetée chez</i> ,p.		<i>allâmes</i> ,v.
yesterday to the high court, where we found		all	
		<i>trouvâmes</i> ,v.	
the judges already	met.		
<i>déjà</i> ,adv.	<i>assemblés</i> ,p.p.		

As two or more substantives in the singular are equivalent to a plural, the verb and adjective, or participle past,

not immediately following them, must be put in the plural, when they refer to two or more substantives in the singular, and that adjective or participle is to be put in the masculine, if these substantives be of different genders : ex.

*Le frère, la sœur, le neveu,*      The brother, sister, ne-  
*et la nièce, sont tous*      phew, and niece, are  
*morts,*      all dead.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The book, paper, pencil, and penknife, which  
*papier, m. crayon, m. canif, m. que*  
you sent<sup>2</sup>      me<sup>1</sup>,      are excellent. --- The  
*avez prêté, p.p. me, pro. excellent, adj.*  
pen, ruler, inkhorn and grammar which my bro-  
*règle, f. écritoire, f.*  
ther has bought, are very      good. --- The king  
*très, adv.*  
queen, prince, and princesses were      gone. --- The  
*étoient, v. sorti, p.p.*  
corn, wheat, rye, pease and beans,      in a word, all  
*seigle, m. fève, f. en mot, m.*  
the grains which were on the ground,  
*grain, m. qui, pro. étoient, v. sur, p. terre, f.*  
were frozen. --- My father's house, and my uncle's  
*furent, v. gelé, p.p.*  
(country seat) are (very much)      alike.  
*château, m. bien, adv. semblable, adj.*

When two or more substantives of different genders are immediately followed by an adjective or participle past, these may agree in gender and number with the last substantive, particularly when the substantives are synonymous, or nearly so ; any other case met with in authors is either a poetical license or an oversight : ex.

*Il gouverne avec un pou-*      He governs with an abso-  
*voir et une autorité ab-*      lute power and authori-  
*solue,*      ty.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

He studied with an incredible<sup>3</sup>      application<sup>1</sup> and  
*étudie, v. incroyable, adj.*

courage<sup>2</sup>. - - - He who has for his guides  
*courage*,m. *Celui*,pro. *qui*,pro. *un guide*,m.  
 consummate<sup>3</sup> zeal<sup>1</sup> and prudence<sup>2</sup> deserves  
*consommé*,adj. *un zèle*,m. *une prudence*,f. *mérite*,v.  
 the general<sup>3</sup> esteem<sup>1</sup> and applause<sup>2</sup> of his  
*estime*,f. *applaudissement*,m. *ses*,pro.  
 fellow-citizens. - - - I found the doors, the  
*concitoyen*,m. *ai trouvé*,p.p. *porte*,f.  
 windows, and the shutters shut.  
*fenêtre*,f. *volets*,m. *fermé*,p.p.

## THE PLACE OF THE ADJECTIVE IN A SENTENCE.

Some adjectives are always placed before their substantives, and others after them ; but there is a kind of adjectives, which may either precede or follow their substantives, as the euphony of the sentence requires.

The following are commonly placed before.\*

<i>Beau</i> , handsome, fine.	<i>Joli</i> , pretty.
<i>Bon</i> , good.	<i>Méchant</i> , wicked.
<i>Brave</i> , brave.	<i>Mauvais</i> , bad.
<i>Cher</i> , dear.	<i>Meilleur</i> , better.
<i>Chétif</i> , vile, poor, mean.	<i>Moindre</i> , less.
<i>Galant</i> , well-bred.	<i>Petit</i> , little, small.
<i>Grand</i> , great, tall.	<i>Saint</i> , holy.
<i>Gros</i> , big, large.	<i>Tout</i> , all.
<i>Honnête</i> , honest, civil.	<i>Vieux</i> , old
<i>Jeune</i> , young.	<i>Vrai</i> , true.

### EXERCISE ON THE FOREGOING ADJECTIVES.

I have seen a handsome lady, who (was  
*vu*,p.p. *dame*,f. *qui*,pro.  
 speaking) to an old gentleman. - - - He had  
*parloit*,v. *monsieur*,m. *Il*,pro. *avoit*,v.

\* No general rule can be given on this subject, however ; for of those adjectives enumerated here above, many may be placed after and receive a new signification, thus, *un galant homme*, means a well-bred man, *un homme galant*, a gallant, &c. Practice and observation only will give that knowledge.—See next rule.



a fine hat            and a pretty sword. --- Your            little  
                  *chapeau*, m.                            *épée*, f.                            *Votre*, pro.  
 sister deserved            a better fate. -- I know            a young  
                  *méritoit*, v.                            *destin*, m.                            *connois*, v.  
 man who has a good horse,                            but a bad stable. ---  
    *cheval*, m.     *écurie*, f.  
 He<sup>1</sup> has<sup>2</sup> lent<sup>4</sup>                            it<sup>2</sup>                            to an honest man. -- The  
                  *a prêté*, p, p. le. pro.  
 apostle            Paul was a holy man. --- My brother has  
*apôtre*, m.  
 bought            a good watch. --- Your father was            a  
*acheté*, p. p.                            *montre*, f.     *étoit*, v.  
 brave general, and a well-bred man. --- You have  
    *avez*, v.  
 lost            all your money. --- Vile creature,            I have  
*perdu*, p. p.     *créature*, f.  
 heard            your wicked conversation. --- Mr. A. is a  
*entendu*, p. p.     *conversation*, f.  
 great man, and the best of all fathers.  
                  *homme*,

Some adjectives have different meanings, according as they are placed before or after their substantive ; as, *une femme sage*, a wise woman ; *une sage femme*, a midwife ; and *une grosse femme*, a big woman ; *une femme grosse*, a pregnant woman ; *un homme honnête*, a civil man ; *un honnête homme*, an honest man ; a little practice will soon remove any of these apparent difficulties.

The following adjectives must be placed after their substantives.

1. All particles used as adjectives ; as,

*Une personne reconnoissante*,            A grateful person.  
*Du bœuf rôti*,    Roast beef.

2. All adjectives expressing the *shape* or *form*; as,

*Une table ronde*,    A round table.  
*Une chambre carrée*,    A square room.

3. All adjectives expressing the *colour* or *taste* ; as,

<i>Un chapeau noir,</i>	A black hat.
<i>Un habit rouge,</i>	A red coat.
<i>Une pomme douce,</i>	A sweet apple.
<i>Une liqueur amère,</i>	A bitter liquor.

4. All adjectives expressing the *matter* of which a thing is composed ; as,

<i>Des parties sulfureuses,</i>	Sulphurous parts.
<i>Un corps aérien,</i>	An aërial body.

5. All adjectives expressing the quality of *hearing* and *touching*; as,

<i>Un instrument sonore,</i>	A sonorous instrument.
<i>Une voix harmonieuse,</i>	An harmonious voice.
<i>Un bois dur,</i>	A hard wood.
<i>Un corps mou,</i>	A soft body.

6. All adjectives expressing the name of nations ; as,

<i>L'empire Romain,</i>	The Roman empire.
<i>La poésie Angloise,</i>	The English poetry.

7. All adjectives, which, when used by themselves, convey the meaning of a substantive, as, *rich*, *blind*, &c.

<i>Un homme riche,</i>	A rich man.
<i>Une femme aveugle,</i>	A blind woman.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

An ignorant young man is despised by (every  
*méprisé, p.p. de, p. tout le*  
 body.) - - - You have an English hat, and she has a  
*monde, m. Anglois, adj.*  
 French gown. - He reads an Italian proverb. - -  
*François, adj. robe, f. lit, v. Italien, adj. proverbe, m.*  
 I like (very much) the German tongue and  
*aime, v. beaucoup, adv. Allemand, adj. langue, f.*  
 the Spanish dress. - - - (It is) a square place.  
*Espagnol, adj. habillement, m. C'est, v. carré, adj. place, f.*  
 She likes sweet wine. - - Your sister has an har-  
*aime, v. doux, adj. le vin, m.*  
 monious voice. - - - I have bought a white gown  
*voix, f. blanc, adj.*  
 and a black cloak. - - - You have a faithful  
*noir, adj. mantelet, m. fidèle, adj.*

servant. - - - - - I eat green peas, with  
*domestique*, m. et, f. *mange*, v. *vert*, adj.  
 boiled mutton. - Bring me a pound and a half  
*bouilli*, p. p. *mouton*, m. *demi*, adj.  
 of cherries, and half a pound of currants. - We had a  
*cerise*, f. *groseille*, f. *côtes*, v.  
 kind reception, and we played at a di-  
*favorable*, adj. *accueil*, m. *jeuâmes*, v. à, p. di-  
 verting game. - He lives in a cold country.  
*vertissant*, adj. *jeu*, m. *demeure*, v. *froid*, adj. *pays*, m.  
 - - You have left the windows and the door  
*laissé*, p. p. *fenêtre*, f. *porte*, f.  
 open. - - Will you have a bit of roast  
*morceau*, m. *rôti*, p. p.  
 chicken? - - Do you<sup>2</sup> read<sup>1</sup> the Punic war? - -  
*poulet*, m. *lisez*, v. *punique*, adj. *guerre*, f.  
 He has made a rash vow. - - Your sister  
*fait*, p. p. *téméraire*, adj. *vœu*, m.  
 is an agreeable lady. - - I like a grey stuff. - -  
*agréable*, adj. *gris*, adj. *étouffe*, f.  
 (It was) really a tragical history.  
*C'étoit*, v. *réellement*, adv. *tragique*, adj. *histoire*, f.

When two or more adjectives belong to one substantive,  
 the surest way is to place them after it, with the conjunc-  
 tion *et*, and, before the last ; and if an adjective be used  
 in a sentence without a substantive, this adjective must  
 always be rendered in French by the masculine gender.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

We have a just, wise, and bountiful king. - -  
*juste*, adj. *sage*, adj. *bienfaisant*, adj.  
 Mr. Brown's daughter is with a sincere and  
*Monsieur*, m. *sincère*, adj.  
 generous lady. - - I have a scholar of a solid,  
*généreux*, adj. *écolier*, m. *solid*, adj.  
 bright, and lively genius. - - The wicked  
*brillant*, adj. *vif*, adj. *esprit*, m. *méchant*, adj. pl.  
 (shall be) punished. - - Miss Preston is a  
*seront*, v. *puni*, p. p. *Mademoiselle*, f.  
 young, handsome, and well shaped lady. - - She has  
*bien-fait*, adj.

married            a sober,            virtuous, and            amiable  
*épousé*, p.p.            *sobre*, adj.            *vertueux*, adj.            *aimable*, adj.  
 man.—The good (shall be) praised.—The diligent  
                                  *seront*, pl.            *loué*, p.p.            *diligent*, adj. pl.  
 (shall be) rewarded.  
                                  *récompensé*, p.p.

## DEGREES OF COMPARISON.

Adjectives and adverbs are the only kind of words that will admit of different degrees of *more* or *less* in the several qualities of persons or things.

There are two degrees of comparison :

1. *Le comparatif*,            the comparative
2. *Le superlatif*,            the superlative.

Some grammarians admit of another degree, which they call *positive*: but this is merely an adjective used in its simple signification, without expressing any increase or diminution : ex. *joli*, pretty; *aimable*, lovely.

The *comparative* refers to some other person or thing, and shows its *equality*, *excess*, or *defect* : it is therefore of three sorts :

1. *Le comparatif d'égalité*,            The comparative by equality.
2. *Le comparatif d'excès*            The comparative by excess.
3. *Le comparatif de défaut*,            The comparative by defect.

The comparative by *equality* is formed by placing the adverbs *autant*, as much, as many ; *aussi*, so or as, before an adjective ; and *que*, as after it : ex.

<i>Votre oncle a autant d'argent, et autant d'amis que mon père,</i>	Your uncle has <i>as much</i> money, and <i>as many</i> friends <i>as</i> my father.
<i>Ma sœur est aussi ambitieuse que vous,</i>	My sister is <i>as</i> ambitious <i>as</i> you.
<i>Mon frère est aussi savant que le vôtre,</i>	My brother is <i>as</i> learned <i>as</i> yours.

N. B.—From the preceding examples and the following, it will be easily seen that when the adverbs, *tant*, so much, so many ; *autant*, as much, as many ; *plus*, more,

and *moins*, less, are immediately followed by a substantive, that substantive must be preceded by *de*. The learner will also observe that *si* and *aussi*, so, as ; generally precede adjectives, when a comparison is made by either ; whereas *tant* and *autant* are always followed by a noun or verb, the French conjunction *que*, Englished by either *as*, *than*, or *that*, being the term of the comparison ; *plus*, or *moins*, may precede either an adjective, a noun or verb.

*Than*, after *more* or *less*, *plus* ou *moins*, followed by a noun of number, is rendered in French by *de*, and not by *que* : ex.

*Je perds plus d'un Louis, et* I lose more *than* a Louis,  
*vous gagnez moins de cinq* and you gain less *than*  
*francs,* five francs.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Alexander was as ambitious as Cæsar. --  
*était, v. ambitieux, adj. que, c. César, m.*  
 I am as tall as you. -- Miss D. has as much liveliness, and she is as amiable as her cousin. - If my father were as rich as my uncle, he (would make) a better use of his riches. - We have as many books as your brothers, and they are as learned as we. - I am as honest and civil as my companions. -- You owe me more than two dollars, and you pay me less than fifty cents.  
*suis, v. haut, adj. Mlle a, v. vivacité, f. est, v. sa, pro. cousine, f. Si, c. était, v. oncle, m. ferait, v. usage, m. ses, pro. autant, adv. vos, pro. sont, v. nous, pro. compagne, m. devez, v. gourde payez sou, m.*

The comparative by excess is formed by placing the adverb *plus*, more, before an adjective : ex.

*Sa cousine est plus diligente* Her cousin is more diligent  
*que moi, et est plus savante* than I, and is more learned  
*que vous,* than you.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Miss A. is handsomer and more learned than  
*Mlle* *que, c.*

her sisters. -- Lucia is taller and more proud  
*Lucie, f. orgueilleux, adj.*  
 than her little cousin. --- His sister is more  
*sa, pro. cousine, f. Sa, pro.*  
 covetous than he. --- Nothing is pleasanter to  
*avare, adj. lui, pro. Rien ne, adv. agréable, adj.*  
 the mind than the light of truth. ---  
*esprit, m. lumière, f. vérité, f.*  
 Nothing is more lovely than virtue, and  
*aimable, adj.*  
 nothing is more desirable than wisdom. ---  
*désirable, adj. sagesse, f.*  
 My daughter is taller than your son by\* two inches. ---  
*de pouce, m.*  
 Your brother is taller than you by the<sup>2</sup> whole<sup>1</sup> head<sup>3</sup>. ---  
*tout tête, f.*  
 In winter the roads are always worse than  
*En hiver, m. chemin, m. plus mauvais, adj.*  
 in summer. -- He gave<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> a more beautiful eagle.  
*été donna aigle, f.*

The *comparative by defect* is formed by placing the adverb *moins*, less, before an adjective ; or *tant*, so much, so many ; or *si*, so ; with the negation *ne pas*, or point, not ; or *ne, ni*, neither, nor, before them : ex.

*Votre cousine est moins noble* Your cousin is *less* noble  
*que vous,* than you.  
*Il n'est pas si orgueilleux que* He is not *so* proud as his  
*sa sœur,* sister.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Mrs. P\*\*\* is less polite than her daughter,  
*Mme poli, adj.*  
 but her daughter (is not) so revengeful as she.  
*n'est pas, adv. vindicatif, adj.*  
 You are<sup>2</sup> 'not<sup>3</sup> so dutiful as your brother.  
*êtes, v. ne pas, adv. obéissant, adj.*  
 My father is not so rich as yours, but he has  
*le vôtre, pro.*  
 not so much self-love. ----- Miss Goodwill has less wit  
*amour-propre, m. Mlle*  
 than her mother. ----- Paris (is not) so populous as  
*peuplé, adj.*

\* *By*, after a comparison, is rendered into French by *de*.

London. -- Your companion is neither so prudent nor  
*n'est ni ni*  
 so circumspect as you.

It must be observed, that in sentences in which the above adverbs *more* or *less* are repeated to express a comparison, the definite article *the*, preceding either, is totally suppressed in French : as,

Plus *on est pauvre*, moins *on* The poorer\* people are, the  
*a d'embarras*, less care they have.  
 Plus *je la vois*, plus, *je la* The more I see her, the more  
*hais*, I hate her

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The more a thing is difficult, the more honour-  
*chose, f. difficile, adj. hono-*  
 able<sup>3</sup> it<sup>1</sup> is<sup>2</sup>. ---- The less you give to your chil-  
*able, adj. elle, pro. donnez, v. ros.*  
 dren, the less they spend. ---- The 'richer<sup>4</sup> they<sup>4</sup>

*ils, pro. dépensent, v.*  
 are<sup>3</sup>, the more covetous they are. -- The more a  
*avare, adj.*

young man studies, the more learned he grows.  
*étudie, v. savant, adj. devient, v.*

The more a drunkard drinks, the more thirsty he is. --  
*ivrogne, m. boit, v. altéré, adj.*

The more odious laziness is, the more we should  
*odieux, adj. paresse, f. devrions, v.*

avoid<sup>2</sup> it<sup>1</sup>. -- The less you apply, the less you  
*éviter, v. la, pro. vous vous appliquez, v.*

learn. -- The more they know<sup>2</sup> you,<sup>1</sup> the less  
*apprenez, v. connaîtront, v. fut.*

they will esteem<sup>2</sup> you<sup>1</sup>.  
*estimeront, v. fut.*

The above comparative adverbs, *si*, *aussi*, *tant*, *autant*, *plus* and *moins*, must be repeated in French, before each adjective, noun, verb or adverb, in the sentence : ex.

*Votre frère est aussi savant,* Your brother is as learned  
*et aussi éclairé que mon* and enlightened as my  
*cousin,* cousin.

\**Poorer*, *richer*, and all similar forms are rendered into French by *more poor*, *more rich* ; observe well the construction of the above sentence.

*M. Robert n'a ni tant de bien, ni tant d'esprit que M. Dubois,* Mr. Robert has neither so much wealth nor wit as Mr. Dubois.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

My father has as many (apple - trees)  
*autant, adv. pommier, m.*  
 and (pear - trees) in his orchard as (there are)  
*poirier, m. verger, m. il y en a, v.*  
 in yours. --- His eldest brother (will be) more  
*le rôle aîné, adj. sera, v.*  
 attentive, industrious, and rich than he. ---  
*attentif, adj. industrieux, adj. lui, pro.*  
 Miss A\*\*\* has less wit, less liveliness, and becom-  
*ingness viracité agré-*  
*mens* than her sister. -- She has as much virtue  
 and good sense as beauty and modesty. -- My  
*sens Mon, pro.*  
 cousin is as merry, lively, and amiable as his  
*gai, adj. enjoué, adj. ses, pro.*  
 school-fellows.  
*condisciples, m.*

The same rule is to be observed with respect to the ad-verbs used in forming the superlative degree.

The three following adjectives are comparative by themselves, *meilleur*, better ; *pire*, worse ; and *moindre*, less ; which signify *plus bon*, *plus mauvais*, *plus petit* ; and *aîné*, elder, or eldest, is used for *plus âgé*, or *le plus âgé*.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The watch which my grand-father has bought  
*montre, f. que, pro. grand-père, m. achetée, p.p.*  
 is better than the clock which he gave to  
*pendule, f. a donnée, p.p.*  
 my mother. ---- My friend's buckles are better than  
*mère, f. boucle, f.*  
 those of his uncle, but mine are worse  
*celles, pro. oncle, m. les miennes, pro.*  
 than his. ----- The life of a slave is  
*les siennes, pro. vie, f. esclave, m.*  
 ten times worse than death itself. ----- The  
*dix fois, adv. mort, f. même, adv.*



pain which I endure is less than that which  
*peine, f. que* *souffre, v.* *celle, pro. qui, pro.*  
 is inflicted on galley-slaves.  
*infligée, p. p.* *aux galérien, m.*

The *superlative* expresses the highest degree of any quality. There are two kinds of superlatives : 1. The *relative*, which expresses the quality of a person or thing above all others of the same kind. In this case, one of the following articles, *le, la, les ; de, du, de, la, des ; à, au, à, la, aux*, precedes the adverbs *plus*, standing then for most, *mieux*; best, *moins*, least, before an adjective ; or the adjectives *meilleur*, best ; *moindre*, least ; *pire*, worst : ex.

*Votre sœur est la plus belle* Your sister is the hand-  
*et la meilleure femme de* somest and best woman in  
*la ville,* the town.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The vine is one of the <sup>2</sup>most useful<sup>3\*</sup> and <sup>4</sup>agree-  
*vigne, f. un* *les plus utiles, adj. pl.*  
 able gifts<sup>1</sup> of Providence<sup>5</sup>. -- Virtue is<sup>1</sup> the<sup>5</sup> most<sup>4</sup> pre-  
*don, m.* *Providence, f.* *pré-*  
 cious<sup>4</sup> thing<sup>2</sup> † in the world. --- The lion is the  
*cieux, adj. chose, f.* *du monde, m.*  
 strongest and most courageous of all animals. ---  
*fort, adj.* *courageux, adj.* *animal, m.*  
 (There is) the handsomest lady in London. --- She is  
*Voilà, adv.* *de*  
 so touchy, that she will not bear the least  
*bourru, adj.* *veut, v.* *souffrir, v.*  
 joke. --- Miss P. is the mildest, politest, and most  
*raillerie, f.* *doux, adj.* *poli, adj.*  
 affable of all her sisters. --- Ingratitude is  
*affable, adj.* *ses, pro.*  
 the greatest of all vices. --- If France were as rich  
*vice, m.* *étoit, v.*  
 as England, (it would be) the best country in the world. ‡  
*ce seroit, v.* *pays, m.*

\* See the gender of adjectives, p. 63.

† See the note on the page that follows this.

‡ It may be observed in some of these examples, that the preposition *in*, following an adjective in the superlative degree, must be rendered in



## OF NUMBERS.

There are two kinds of numbers : 1st, The *absolute*, which simply relates the number of the things spoken of, viz.

<i>Un</i> (femin. <i>une</i> .)	One.	
<i>Deux</i> ,	Two.	
<i>Trois</i> ,	Three.	
<i>Quatre</i> ,	Four.	
<i>Cinq</i> , ( <i>q</i> is sounded,)	Five.	
<i>Six</i> , (pron. <i>siss</i> ,)	Six.	
<i>Sept</i> , (pron. <i>set</i> ,)	Seven.	
<i>Huit</i> , ( <i>t</i> is sounded,)	Eight.	
<i>Neuf</i> , ( <i>f</i> is sounded,)	Nine.	
<i>Dix</i> , (pron. <i>diss</i> ,)	Ten.	
<i>Onze</i> ,	Eleven.	
<i>Douze</i> ,	Twelve.	
<i>Treize</i> ,	Thirteen.	
<i>Quatorze</i> ,	Fourteen.	
<i>Quinze</i> ,	Fifteen.	
<i>Seize</i> , ( <i>sei</i> is broad,)	Sixteen.	
<i>Dix-sept</i> , (pron. <i>diss-set</i> ,)	Seventeen.	
<i>Dix-huit</i> , (pron. <i>diz-uit</i> ,)	Eighteen.	
<i>Dix-neuf</i> , (pron. <i>diz-neuf</i> ,)	Nineteen.	
<i>Vingt</i> , ( <i>gt</i> are dropped,)	Twenty.	
<i>Vingt et un</i> ,	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g \text{ is dropt} \\ \text{but } t \text{ is} \\ \text{sounded} \end{array} \right\}$	Twenty-one.
<i>Vingt-deux</i> ,		Twenty-two.
<i>Vingt-trois</i> , &c.		Twenty-three, &c.
<i>Trente</i> ,	Thirty.	
<i>Trente et un</i> ,	Thirty-one.	
<i>Trente-deux</i> , &c.	Thirty-two, &c.	
<i>Quarante</i> ,	Forty.	
<i>Cinquante</i> ,	Fifty.	
<i>Soixante</i> , (pron. <i>soissant</i> ,)	Sixty.	
<i>Soixante et un</i> ,	Sixty-one.	
<i>Soixante et deux</i> , &c.	Sixty-two, &c.	
<i>Soixante et dix</i> ,	Seventy.	
<i>Soixante et onze</i> , &c.	Seventy-one, &c.	
<i>Quatre-vingts</i> , ( <i>gts</i> are dropped and <i>gt</i> in the following two.	$\left\{ \right.$	Eighty.
<i>Quatre-vingt-un</i> ,		Eighty-one.

<i>Quatre-vingt-deux, &amp;c.</i>	Eighty-two, &c.
<i>Quatre-vingt-dix, &amp;c.</i>	Ninety, &c.
<i>Cent, (t in cent is dropped, and in the following two,)</i>	} A or one* hundred.
<i>Cent-un,</i>	
	A or one* hundred and one, &c.
<i>Deux-cents, (x is dropped, and the two final consonants in the following also, and before any other word beginning with a consonant,)</i>	} Two hundred.
<i>Trois cents,</i>	Three hundred.
<i>Neuf cents, (f dropped,)</i>	Nine hundred.
<i>Mille, mil, †</i>	A or one* thousand.
<i>Deux mille,</i>	Two thousand.
<i>Trois mille, &amp;c.</i>	Three thousand, &c.
<i>Cent mille, &amp;c.</i>	A or one* hundred thousand, &c.
<i>Neuf cent mille, (f dropped,)</i>	Nine hundred thousand.
<i>Un million,</i>	A million.

These *absolute numbers* are declined with the article indefinite *de, à*, and are always placed before the substantive to which they are joined without any article intervening ; and they are invariable in their form, except *quatre-vingt*, eighty ; *cent*, a hundred ; and *million*, a million ; which take an *s* in their plural, when immediately followed by a substantive : ex.

<i>Quatre-vingts femmes,</i>	Eighty women.
<i>Deux cens hommes,</i>	Two hundred men.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I was in the company of seven gentlemen and  
*compagnie, f. MM.*

\* It will be seen by the following, that the English particle *a* or *one*, is not expressed in French : ex.

*Je l'ai vu et lui ai parlé cent fois, mille fois,* I have seen him and spoken to him a hundred times, a thousand times.

† Mentioning the date of the year, we must write, *mil*, and not *mille*: ex. *L'an mil huit-cent quinze*, the year 1815.

nine ladies. -- He has spoken *dame* *parlé, p.p.* to three officers and  
 two generals. -- If I had *arois, v.* a hundred guineas, I would<sup>2</sup>  
 lend<sup>2</sup> you<sup>1</sup> eighty. -- The army *guinée, en* of our  
*prêterois, v.* *armée, f.* *nos, pro.*  
 allies was composed of a hundred thousand  
*allié, m.* *étoit composée, p.p.*  
 men of foot, and twenty thousand of horse. --  
*infanterie* *cavalerie.*  
 They took fifteen hundred men prisoners,  
*prirént, v.* *prisonnier,*  
 killed four thousand, wounded a thousand,  
*en tuèrent, v.* *en blessèrent, v.*  
 and (carried away) above two millions in specie. --  
*emportèrent, v.* *plus de* *espèces.*  
 The battle (was fought) in one thousand eight hun-  
*bataille, f.* *se livra, v.* *en*  
 dred and fourteen, at three o'clock (in the) morning.  
*et* *heures, f. du* *matin.*

These numbers are employed as substantives, in some cases, as in the game of cards, and in dates : ex.

*Le huit de cœur,* The eight of hearts.  
*Nous partîmes de Boston* We left Boston on the fif-  
*le quinze,* teenth.  
*Je reviendrai le douze,* I shall return on the twelfth.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Will you but tell<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup>, if you have the seven of  
*seulement dire*  
 clubs ? - Yes, I have<sup>2</sup> it<sup>1</sup>, and the ten of spades too. - The  
*trèfle ?* *ai* *le* *pique aussi.*  
 nine of diamonds (is missing) in this pack. -- I (shall be)  
*carreau manque* *ce jeu.* *serai*  
 absent for a week or two, but you may be certain, that  
*et* *pouvez*  
 I shall be here on the twenty-fifth. -- Tell my sister  
*et* *Dites à*  
 that I expect<sup>2</sup> her<sup>1</sup> on the seventeenth. ---- You may  
*attends la* *et*

date your letter the twenty-sixth. --- The  
*dater, v. du*  
 sixteenth (will be) her birth-day. ---- The ten of  
*sera son jour de naissance, m.*  
 diamonds is not good. -- I have the ace of spades. --  
*carreau as pique.*  
 We (shall have) a holiday on the twenty-fifth instant. --  
*aurons du courant.*  
 Congress met on the third of December. ---  
*s'est assemblé*  
 We received the President's Message on Friday, the  
*reçûmes*  
 fifth of this month, it is most excellent.  
*ce très*

In every instance therefore the cardinal numbers must be used in French when speaking of the days of the month, though the ordinal be used in English; excepting for *le premier*, the first, speaking of the first day of every month; as,

*Le premier de Mai,* The first of May.  
*Le deux de Novembre,* The second of November.  
*C'est aujourd'hui le quatre* To day is the fourth of  
*d'Août,* August.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

My friend will come (to see<sup>2</sup>) us<sup>1</sup> on the fifth of  
*viendra, v. voir, v. S*  
 next<sup>2</sup> month<sup>1</sup>. -- Lady<sup>2</sup> - day<sup>1</sup> falls  
*prochain, adj. mois, m. Notre Dame jour, m. tombe, v.*  
 on the twenty-fifth of March. -- In the leap<sup>2</sup>  
*S Mars, m. bissextile, adj.*  
 year<sup>1</sup> the month of February has one day more,  
*année, f. Février, m. de plus, adv.*  
 which is the twenty-ninth. -- The first of November  
*qui, pro. Novembre, m.*  
 is (all-saints-day,) and the fifth of the same month  
*la toussaint même, adj. mois, m.*  
 is the day of the <sup>2</sup>Gun powder <sup>1</sup>plot. -----  
*des poudres, pl. conspiration, f.*  
 Come on the first day of July.  
*Venez, v. Juillet, m.*

2. *The ordinal numbers.* This class of numerals, beside the simple notation, signifies the order or rank of things, viz.

<i>Le premier, ou unième,</i>	The first.
<i>Le second, ou deuxième,</i>	The second.
<i>Le troisième,</i>	The third.
<i>Le quatrième,</i>	The fourth.
<i>Le cinquième,</i>	The fifth.
<i>Le sixième,</i>	The sixth.
<i>Le septième,</i>	The seventh.
<i>Le huitième,*</i>	The eighth.
<i>Le neuvième,</i>	The ninth.
<i>Le dixième,</i>	The tenth.
<i>Le onzième,*</i>	The eleventh.
<i>Le douzième,</i>	The twelfth.
<i>Le treizième,</i>	The thirteenth.
<i>Le quatorzième,</i>	The fourteenth.
<i>Le quinzième,</i>	The fifteenth.
<i>Le seizième,</i>	The sixteenth.
<i>Le dix-septième,</i>	The seventeenth.
<i>Le dix-huitième,</i>	The eighteenth.
<i>Le dix-neuvième,</i>	The nineteenth.
<i>Le vingtième,</i>	The twentieth.
<i>Le vingt-et-unième,</i>	The twenty-first.
<i>Le vingt-deuxième, &amp;c.</i>	The twenty-second, &c.
<i>Le trentième,</i>	The thirtieth.
<i>Le tren-deuxième, &amp;c.</i>	The thirty-second, &c.
<i>Le quarantième,</i>	The fortieth.
<i>Le cinquantième,</i>	The fiftieth.
<i>Le soixantième,</i>	The sixtieth.
<i>Le soixante-et-dixième,</i>	The seventieth.
<i>Le quatre-vingtième,</i>	The eightieth.
<i>Le centième,</i>	The hundredth.
<i>Le cent unième,</i>	The hundred and first.
<i>Le cent deuxième,</i>	The hundred and second, &c.
<i>Le deux centième,</i>	The two hundredth.
<i>Le millième,</i>	The thousandth.

These ordinal numbers are declined with the article

\* No elision is to be made in the article before *onze, onzième; huit, huitième*; for we say, *le; du, au, la, de la, à la, &c. onze, onzième, &c.*







Mentor pushed Telemachus into the sea,  
*poussa, v. mer, f.*  
 threw<sup>3</sup> himself<sup>1</sup> (into it<sup>2</sup>) afterward with  
*jeta, v. se, pro. y, adv. ensuite, adv.*  
 him. --- Our master forgives the first time,  
*lui, pro. Notre, pro. pardonne, v. fois, f.*  
 threatens the second, and always<sup>2</sup> punishes<sup>1</sup>  
*menace, v. toujours, adv. punit, v.*  
 the third.

**RECAPITULATORY** or *promiscuous EXERCISES*  
*upon all the preceding RULES. Review them well, be-*  
*fore you write.*

Ignorance is the mother of admiration,  
*Ignorance, f. est, v. mère, f. admiration, f.*  
 error, and superstition. --- The covetous de-  
*erreur, f. superstition, f. avare, adj. pl. mé-*  
 spise the poor. --- Humility is the basis of  
*présent, v. pauvre, adj. pl. Humilité, f. base, f.*  
 Christian virtues. - Pride is generally the effect  
*Chrétien, adj. Orgueil, m. effet, m.*  
 of ignorance. - Give me some bread, meat,  
*Donnez, v. moi, pro.*  
 turnips, and water. - Merit and favor are  
*navel, Mérite, m. faveur, f. sont, v.*  
 the two springs of envy. - Interest, pleasure,  
*source, f. envie, f. Intérêt,*  
 and glory, are the three motives of the actions  
*motif, m. action*  
 and conduct of men. - Is<sup>2</sup> it<sup>3</sup> 'not<sup>4</sup>  
*conduite, f. Est, v. ce, pro. nepas, adv.*  
 Peter's book? - Your father has gone to London,  
*allé, p. p.*  
 where he has bought some horses and cows, which  
*rache, f. que, pro.*  
 he intends to send to Canada or Jamaica.  
*se propose, v. d'envoyer, v. ou*  
 --- The father's house and the son's garden  
*maison, f. jardin, m.*  
 (are adjoining.) --- He found the windows  
*se joignent, v. trouva, v.*

and the doors shut. - - - Truth is the bond of  
*Vérité, f. lien, m.*  
 union, and the basis of human happiness:  
*union, f. base, f. humain, adj. bonheur, m.*  
 without it (there is no) confidence in  
*sans, p. elle, pro. il n'y a point confiance, f.*  
 friendship, and no security in promises. - -  
*amitié, f. point, adv. sûreté promesse, f.*  
 The love of liberty and independence is the  
*amour, m. liberté, f.*  
 character of noble minds. - - - - - Iron, steel,  
*caractère, m. âme, Fer, m. acier, m.*  
 and brass are more useful than gold and  
*cuirre, m. utile, adj.*  
 silver. - - The smith has (at last) repaired  
*serrurier, m. enfin, adv. réparé, p. p.*  
 the two jacks, and the cook (is  
*tourne-broche, m. cuisinière, f. fait*  
 roasting) the meat. - - I have seen the inside of the  
*rôtir, v. dedans, m.*  
 church. - - - (Bring me my powder-box, and  
*église, f. ma, pro.*  
 my toupee-iron. - I take a lesson three times  
*mon, pro. prends*  
 a week. - - - The study of grammar is<sup>2</sup> 'neither<sup>3</sup> so  
*étude, f. ne ni, c.*  
 dry nor so dull, as (it is thought.) - - -  
*sec. adj. triste, adj. on se l'imagine, v.*  
 Have some prudence and patience, and you (will have)  
*Ayez, v. aurez, v.*  
 success. - - - - A good conscience is to the soul  
*succès, m. conscience, f. âme, f.*  
 what health is to the body. - - - Merit and  
*ce que, pro. sante, f. corps, m.*  
 virtue are the only source of true  
*unique, adj. véritable, adj.*  
 nobility. - - - Religion, commerce, and arms  
*noblesse, f. Religion, f. commerce, m. arme, f.*  
 are proper instructions for a young prince. - -  
*propre, adj. instruction, f. à*  
 Her father has been made a knight  
*Son, pro. été, p. p. fait, p. p. chevalier, m.*

*est à l'ame*

*est à l'ame*

of the order of the Bath, and her grandfather  
*ordre,m. Bain,m.*

was a knight of the order of the Garter. - - -  
*étoit,v. Jarretière,f.*

He has not (so much) profit, but more honour. - -  
*tant,adv. profit*

Fortune's favours are seldom the prize of  
*faveur,f. rarement,adv. prix,m.*

virtue. - - - Gaming is the son of avarice, and the father  
*Jeu,m.*

of despair. - - - This cloth is equal to some  
*désespoir,m. Ce,pro. drap,m. comparable,adj.*

silk. - - - I see the coast of England. - - - The example  
*soie,f. vois,v. côte,f. exemple,m.*

of a good life is a lesson for the rest of man-  
*vie,f. pour,p. reste,m. genre-*

kind. † The French fleet was destroyed  
*humain,m. François,adj. flotte,f. fut,v. détruite,p.p.*

by the brave Admiral Nelson, on the first of August,  
*Amiral,m. Août,m.*

one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight. - - -

The eldest son of the king of England  
*ainé,adj.*

bears the title of Prince of Wales, as  
*porte,v. titre,m. Galles, comme,adv.*

presumptive heir to the crown. - - - Lewis  
*présomptif,adj. héritier couronne,f. Louis*

the sixteenth was the grand-son. of Lewis the fif-  
*petit,adj.*

teenth. - - - William, surnamed the Con-  
*Guillaume,m. surnommé,p.p. Con-*

queror, king of England and duke of Nor-  
*quérant,m. duc,m. Nor-*

mandy, was one of the greatest generals of the  
*mandie,*

eleventh century. - - - He (was born) at Falaise, and  
*siècle,m. nâquit,v. à*

was the natural son of Robert, duke of Nor-  
*naturel,adj. Nor-*

mandy, and of Arlotte, a furrier's daughter. - - He  
*mandie, fourreur,m. fille.*

died at Hermentrude, in France, on the ninth of  
*mourut, v. à*  
 September, one thousand eighty-seven. - - - Mrs. Nel-  
 son's servant. knows the price of all the provisions.  
*serrante, f. sait, v. prix, m. denrée, f.*  
 - She bought yesterday some chickens at one shilling  
*poulet, m. à*  
 and three pence a piece. - - She came from America  
*vint, v. Amérique*  
 in three weeks. - - Thomas was formerly a mu-  
*en, p. étoit autrefois, adv. mu-*  
 sician, now he is a dancing-master,  
*sicien, à présent, adv. danse maître,*  
 tomorrow he (will be) a painter. - - This  
*demain, adv. sera, v. peintre. Cette, pro.*  
 water is very agreeable to the smell. - - - We  
*odorat, m.*  
 (are going) to Coxheath, to see the camp. - - - I  
*allons, v. voir, v. camp, m.*  
 have in my wardrobe five coats, sixteen waistcoats,  
 twenty-two pair of stockings, and forty-six hand-  
*mou-*  
 kerchiefs. - - - The road to Roxbury is very bad  
*choir. chemin, m.*  
 in winter. - - - Bring us good wine, good beer,  
*en, p. hiver.*  
 and the oil-bottle. - - 'The front of the king's  
*façade, f.*  
 palace (is not) so beautiful as I thought. - - - Gene-  
*n'est pas croyois, v. Gène-*  
 rosity excites admiration. - - - Charles the second,  
*rosité, f. excite, v. admiration, f.*  
 the son of Philip the fourth, the grandson of Philip  
*Philippe*  
 the third, and the great grand-child of Philip the  
*arrière petit - fils*  
 second, left his kingdom to Philip the fifth. - - -  
*laissa, v. son, pro.*  
 On the eighteenth of February, one thousand four  
*sur Février,*  
 hundred and seventy-eight, the duke of Clarence  
*duc*

brother to king Edward the fourth, was drowned in  
*frère, m. Edouard fut, v. noyé, p. p.*

a butt of malmsey-wine. - The inhabitants of the  
*tonneau, m. malvoisie habitant, m.*

city of Dublin have presented a petition to  
*ville, f. ont, v. présenté, p. p. adresse, f.*

the King. - - - Good cider is preferable to bad  
*cidre*

wine. - - - That man always wears a green hat, a white  
*a, v.*

shirt, red shoes and black stockings. - - He has  
*chemise, f. bas, m.*

many children, and plenty of money. - - The  
*bien, adv. beaucoup, adv. argent, m.*

longer the day is, the shorter is the night. - - You have  
*jour, m. nuit, f.*

a fine hat. - - Shame is a mixture of the grief  
*Honte, f. mélange, m. chagrin, m.*

and fear which infamy causes. - - Religion,  
*crainte, f. que, pro. infâmie cause, v.*

morality, government, fine arts, in a word  
*morale, f. gouvernement, m. beau en, p.*

(every thing) is overturned. - - Homer was the  
*tout renversé, p. p. Homère fut, v.*

first poet who personified the divine at-  
*poète, m. personnifia, v. divin, adj. at-*

tributes, human passions and physical  
*tribut, m. humain, adj. physique, adj.*

causes. - - Pride and vanity are often the source  
*vanité, f. souvent, adj.*

of the misfortunes of mankind. - - - - - We sell  
*malheur, m. vendons, v.*

good bread, excellent meat, and very large  
*gros, adj.*

fishes ; but<sup>1</sup> we<sup>2</sup> have<sup>4</sup> neither<sup>5</sup> gold nor  
*poisson ; mais, c. avons, v.*

silver. - - (Is there) any beer in the cellar ? - -  
*Y a-t-il cave, f.*

Mrs. B. is a good, virtuous, prudent, and  
*vertueux, adj.*

generous lady : she has a daughter as beautiful as an  
*fille, f.*

angel, but she has neither so much docility nor affability as her cousin. --- Pindar (was born) at

*ange, m.*  
Pindare, m. *nâquit, v.*

Thebes, a city of Greece. --- Malta is a small island, *Grèce. Malthe île, f.*

but it produces some corn, cotton, honey, *elle, pro. produit, v. coton, m. miel, m.*

figs, and the finest oranges in the world. --- The *figue, f. beau, adj. orange, f.*

inhabitants of that fine country are all catholics, *pays*

and go every Sunday to hear high mass. - The *vont, v. tous les Dimanches*

pleasure of the mind is greater than the pleasure *esprit*

of the body, and the diseases of the mind are *corps, m. maladie, f.*

more pernicious than the diseases of the body. --- *pernicieux, adj.*

Health, honours, and fortune united together, *Santé, f. uni, p. p. ensemble, adv.*

cannot satisfy the heart of man. --- *ne peuvent, v. satisfaire, v. cœur, m.*

(It is) in the sixth page of the second book, chapter *C'est, v.*

the third. - - Miss W.'s father, a banker in the Strand, is one of the richest men in town, but

*Strand, m.*  
she is prouder and more haughty than *orgueilleux, adj. hautain, adj.*

if she were the handsomest woman in Europe. --- *étoit, v.*

Their son arrived yesterday at Portsmouth from *Leur, pro. arriva*

Peru and Martinico, in the St. George, a ninety- *Pérou Martinique,*

gun ship. --- Hypocrisy is a homage which *canon vaisseau, m. hommage, m. que, pro.*

\* See the remarks on the prepositions *in* and *by*, in the note, in the degrees of comparison, page. 74.

vice pays to virtue. - - A judicious answer  
*vice, m. rend, v.                      judicieux, adj.      réponse, f.*  
 does more honour than a brilliant repartee. - -  
*fait, v.                      brillant, adj.      repartie, f.*  
 Give me a knife and fork. - - My father has bought  
 one-and-thirty fine grey horses. - - (He is) an  
*gris, adj.    C'est, v.*  
 intrepid man, and a man of honour and pro-  
*intrépide, adj.    pro-*  
 bity. - - - - - Mr. C\*\*\*, the queen's jeweller, has a  
*bité    joaillier,*  
 very prudent wife, and the most faithful, indus-  
*fidèle, adj.    indus-*  
 trious, and honest servant in London. - -  
*trieux, adj.                      honnête, adj. domestique*  
 He found beauty, youth, riches, wisdom,  
*trouva, v.                      jeunesse,*  
 and even virtue, united in her per-  
*même, adv.                      réuni, p.p.                      sa, pro.*  
 son. - Thomas has discretion, but he has no  
*discretion, f.    ne point, adv.*  
 wit. - - They have a quantity of apples and pears. - -  
*quantité, f.*  
 Vienna, the capital of the empire of Germany,  
*Vienne,    Allemagne,*  
 is a fine city. - - The more pleasing plays  
*agréable, adj.                      spectacle, m.*  
 are, the more dangerous they are. - - The rich,  
*dangereux, adj.    pl.*  
 the poor, the young, the old, the learned, and the  
*savant, adj.*  
 ignorant, are all subject to death. - - True friends are  
*sujet, adj.                      mort, f.                      Vrai, adj.*  
 almost as rare as good writers. - - The famous  
*rare, adj.                      écrivain, m.                      fameux, adj.*  
 mine of Potosi, in Peru, is above two hundred  
*mine, f.                      du                      plus, adv.*  
 and fifty fathoms deep. - - Henry the first, king of Eng-  
*toise                      Henri*  
 land, and brother to William Rufus, died the richest  
*le Roux, mourut, v*



prince in Europe. - - Paul is taller than you by an inch,  
 but Mrs. Nichol's brother is the tallest of all. <sup>\*</sup> *pouce*, m  
*Mme.*

### SECT. III. OF PRONOUNS.

There are seven sorts of PRONOUNS :

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. <i>Les pronoms personnels,</i>    | Pronouns personal.      |
| 2. <i>Les pronoms conjonctifs,</i>   | Pronouns conjunctive.   |
| 3. <i>Les pronoms possessifs,</i>    | Pronouns possessive.    |
| 4. <i>Les pronoms démonstratifs,</i> | Pronouns demonstrative  |
| 5. <i>Les pronoms relatifs,</i>      | Pronouns relative.      |
| 6. <i>Les pronoms interrogatifs,</i> | Pronouns interrogative. |
| 7. <i>Les pronoms indéfinis,</i>     | Pronouns indefinite.    |

#### OF PRONOUNS PERSONAL.

*Pronouns personal* are those which directly denote the persons, and supply the place of them.

There are three persons :

The first is the person who speaks : ex.

<i>Je parle,</i>	I speak.
<i>Nous parlons,</i>	We speak.

The second is the person spoken to : ex.

<i>Tu parles,</i>	Thou speakest.
<i>Vous parlez,</i>	You speak.

The third is the person spoken of : ex.

<i>Il, or elle parle,</i>	He or she speaks.
<i>Ils, or elles parlent,</i>	They speak.

Both Genders.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
<i>Je, or moi, I.</i>	<i>Nous, we.</i>
<i>Tu, or toi, thou.</i>	<i>Vous, you or ye.</i>
Masculine.	
<i>Il, or lui, he, it.</i>	<i>Ils, or eux, they.</i>

\* See the Note, page 74.

**Feminine.**

*Elle, she, it.*

*Elles*, or *eur*, they.

The above pronouns are never to be used but as nominatives to the verbs. The rest are declined with the article indefinite ; ex.

**First Person for both Genders.**

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

G. A. *de moi*, of or from me,

*de nous*, of or from us.

Dat. à moi, to me.

à nous, to us.

Acc. *moi, me.*

nous, us.

**Second Person for both Genders.**

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

G. A *de* toi, of or from thee.

*de vous, of or from you.*

**Dat.** à *toi*, to thee.

à vous, to you.

**Acc.** *toi, thee.*

*vous, you.*

### Third Person.

**SINGULAR.**

G. A. *de lui*, of or from him.

*d'elle*, of or from her.\*

**Dat.** *à lui*, to him.

à elle, to her.\*

Acc. *lui*, him.

elle, her.\*

PLURAL.

**Masculine.**

**Feminine.**

G. A. *d'eux*, of or from them.

*d'elles*, of or from them.

Dat. à eux, to them.

à elles, to them.

Acc. *eux*, them.

elles, them.

There are two other pronouns of the third person,  
viz.

**SINGULAR and PLURAL. Both Genders.**

1st. G.A. *de soi*, of or from { oneself, himself, herself,  
  { themselves.

Dat. *à soi*, to oneself, himself, &c.

Acc. *soi*, oneself, himself, &c.

N. B. Though it has been said, that the personal pronouns are used for the names of persons, it must not

\* *Her*, when a personal pronoun is to be rendered by *elle*, *la*, or *lui*; but, when joined to a noun, by the pronoun possessive, *son*, *sa*, *ses*.

thence be concluded, that they are never employed for the names of animals or inanimate objects: this seldom happens in the first and second persons; but the personal pronouns, *il, elle, ils, elles*, may denote every object in nature, either animate or inanimate: ex.

*Ce chien est fort beau, mais* That dog is very handsome,  
*il est trop gras,* but it is too fat.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

This picture is very old, but it is  
*Ce.pro. portrait,m. ancien.adj.*  
 well painted. -- The house which I bought  
*bien.adv. peint,p.p. que.pro. ai acheté,p.p.*  
 is well situated, but I assure<sup>2</sup> you<sup>2</sup> that it  
*est,adj. assure.v. que.adv.*  
 costs<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> much. --- The books which  
*coûte.v. me.pro. beaucoup.adv.*  
 you saw in my library are good  
*vous.v. ma.pro. bibliothèque,f.*  
 books, but they are badly bound. -- -- Your  
*mal.adv. relié,p.p. Vos.pro.*  
 buckles (would be) much more in the fashion, if  
*boucle,f. seroient,v. a mode,f.*  
 they were smaller. --- My hat is quite  
*étoient,v. Mon.pro. tout,adv.*  
 new, but it is too big. --- Their  
*neuf.adj. trop,adv. grand,adj. Leur.pro.*  
 coach is old. but it is as good as if  
*carrosse,m. vieux,adj. si,c.\**  
 it were new.  
*étoit,v. neuf.*

2d. The general and indefinite pronoun, *on*, *one*, is always considered as a nominative of the masculine gender, and can never be used in French but in the singular, though the meaning be plural: ex. When we say *On chante, on mange, we sing, they sing; one eats, or people eat; we mean, some men or women sing, eat.*

\* *Si* loses the *i* before *il, les, ils, they*.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

People imagine that when they are  
*On, pro. s' imagine, v. que quand, adv. on est, v.*  
 rich, they are happy ; but they (are mistaken)  
*on heureux, adj. on se trompe, v.*  
 very often ; for, the more one has, the  
*très, adv. souvent, adv. car, c.*  
 more one wishes to have. - - - - When we are  
*veut, v. on avoir. on*  
 (raised up) to honours, or we are invested  
*élevé, p.p. ou que, c. revêtu, p.p.*  
 with some dignity, we (are to) expect  
*de quelque, adj. dignité, f. doit, v. s'attendre, v.*  
 to be criticised. - - - - (Some persons) reported  
*à être critiqué, p.p. On, pro. rapporta, v.*  
 last week, that in France they  
*dernier, adj. semaine, f. en*  
 talk of peace.  
*parle, v.*

The word *même*, self, is very often joined to the personal pronouns, to denote, in a more special manner, the person spoken of : as,

*Moi-même*, myself.  
*Toi-même*, thyself.  
*Lui-même*, himself.  
*Elle-même*, herself.

*Soi-même*, oneself.  
*Nous-mêmes*, ourselves.  
*Vous-mêmes*, yourselves.  
*Eux-mêmes*, or *elles-mêmes*,  
 themselves.

OBSERVATIONS on the PRONOUNS *Je* and *Moi*; *Tu*, and *Toi*, *Il* and *Lui*, *Ils* and *Eux*.

*Je* and *moi* are used in two different senses, though both in the nominative case ; *Je* is always followed or preceded immediately by a verb to which it is the nominative case, and has no need to be joined to another pronoun : but *moi* always requires to be followed by one pronoun or more, either expressed or understood : ex.

*Qui a pris mon livre ?*      Who took my book ?  
*C'est moi,*      It is I. That is,  
*C'est moi qui l'ai pris,*      It is I who took it.

*Moi* must be used instead of *Je* before an infinitive.

mood, or at the end of a sentence, when it is intended to express something sudden, as *grief*, &c. ; when *I*, in English, is followed by the pronoun relative *who* or *whom*, or is preceded by the verb *être*, to be, used impersonally, as *c'est*, it is ; and lastly, whenever any difference or distinction is intended between persons ; in which case it must be immediately followed by *Je* : ex.

Moi lui parler !	I speak to him or her !
Moi qui vous aime,	I who love you.
Il étoit à pied, et moi, j'étois à cheval,	He was on foot, and I was on horseback.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Who (was calling<sup>2</sup>) me<sup>1</sup> ? -- It was not  
*appeloit, v. me, pro. Ce étoit ne pas, adv.*  
 I. ---- The boy wants to speak<sup>2</sup> (to you<sup>1</sup>.) --- I  
*désire, v. Je parler, v. vous.*  
 who am older than he, I, go and speak<sup>2</sup>  
*âgé, adj. lui, pro. aller, v. Je*  
 (to him<sup>1</sup> ! ) No, I will not go, (let him come)  
*lui, pro. Non, adv. veux, v. y aller, qu'il vienne, v.*  
 himself. --- It is I who (am to) be rewarded,  
*dois, v. récompensé, p.p.*  
 instead of him. --- My father commanded the  
*au lieu lui, pro. commandoit, v.*  
 horse, and I commanded the foot. ---- He  
*cavalerie, f. commandois infanterie, f.*  
 could not do<sup>2</sup> it<sup>1</sup> in one day, and I  
*put, v. faire, v. le, pro. en, p.*  
 did it in the space of three hours. ----  
*ai fait, v. dans, p. espace, m. heure.*  
 When the enemy appeared, my companions  
*parut, v. mes, pro.*  
 (ran away) and I remained alone.  
*prîrent la fuite, v. restai, v. seul, adj.*

The same rule is to be attended to with respect to  
*toi, lui, eux, &c.* : as,

Toi qui me parles,	Thou who speakest to me.
Lui que je méprise,	He whom I despise.
Eux que je respecte,	They whom I respect

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

How                      darest thou answer                      thy  
*Comment*,adv. *oses*,v.                      *répondre*,v.                      à,p. *ton*,pro.  
master    in                      so<sup>3</sup>                      insolent<sup>4</sup>                      a<sup>1</sup>                      manner<sup>2</sup> ? Thou  
                    *de*                      *si*,adv. *insolent*,adj.                      *manière*,f.  
whom                      he                      loves,                      thou for                      whom he takes  
*que*,pro.                      *aime*,v.                      *pour*,p. *qui*,pro.                      *prend*,v.  
so                      much pains. ---- He and they, not (being able) -  
                    *peine*,sing.                      *pouvant*,v.  
(to agree,)                      were                      obliged                      to part. ----  
*s'accorder*,v.                      *furent*                      *obligé*,p.p.                      *de se séparer*,v.  
It is I who wrote                      the letter,                      but it is he  
                    *ai écrit*,p.p.                      *lettre*,f.  
who                      <sup>2</sup>carried                      it<sup>1</sup>. --- It is<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>neither<sup>3</sup>                      I, nor  
                    *a portée*,p.p.                      *la*,pro. *Ce*                      *ni*,c.                      *ni*,c.  
thou, nor he, who have                      broken                      the windows,  
                    *avons*,v.                      *cassé*,p.p.                      *fenêtre*,f.  
but it is they who have<sup>2</sup>                      done<sup>3</sup>                      it<sup>1</sup>.  
                    *ont*,v.                      *fait*,p.p.                      *le*,pro.

After these remarks, it is also necessary to observe here, that *je*, I, and *nous*, we, never admit of an adjective or participle immediately after them, except in in *acts* or *deeds*, *notes*, or *bills*, *receipts*, and the like : ex.

*Je soussigné demeurant à*                      I, the undersigned, living in  
*Londres, déclare, &c.*                      London, declare, &c.  
*Nous, soussignés, reconnais*                      We, the undersigned, ac-  
*sons avoir reçu de Mons.*                      knowledge to have re-  
*D\*\*, la somme de—*                      ceived from Mr. D\*\*, the  
                    sum of—

## OF CONJUNCTIVE PRONOUNS

These pronouns are called *conjunctive*, because they are *always joined* to some verb by which they are governed, and are generally used for the dative or accusative case of the personal pronouns. There are three persons in the conjunctive as in the personal, which are,

For the First Person, both Genders.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

Dat. or Ac. *Me, Moi,\** me, or to me, *Nous,* us, or to us,  
for *à moi,* or *moi.* for *à nous,* or *nous.*

For the Second, both Genders.

Dat. or Ac. *Te, Toi,\** thee, or to thee, *Vous,* you, or to you,  
for *à toi,* or *toi.* for *à vous,* or *vous.*

For the Third.

SINGULAR.—Masculine.

Dat. *Lui,* { to him, to it, } for *a lui.*  
Acc. *Le,* { him, it, } for *lui.*

Feminine.

Dat. *Lui,* { to her, to it, } for *à elle.*  
Acc. *La,* { her, it, } for *elle.*

PLURAL.—Both Genders.

Dat. *Leur,* { to them, } for *à eux,m. à elles,f.*  
Acc. *Les,* { them, } for *eux,m. elles,f.*

Dat. or Acc. *Se,* { oneself, himself, } for *à soi,* or *soi.*  
{ herself, themselves, }

Five of these pronouns are used for the dative or accusative case, and are of both genders, viz.

*Me,* or *moi,* *te* or *toi,* *nous,* *vous,* *se:* ex.

*Vous me parlez,* You speak to me.

*Il vous croit,* He believes you.

*Vous me priez de, &c.* You desire me to, &c.

In the first example, *me* is the dative case, because it may be turned by *à moi,* to me ; in the second, *vous* is the accusative, &c.

*Lui* and *leur* are used in the dative only, and are of both genders :

*Je lui parle,* I speak to him or to her.

*Vous leur écrivez,* You write to them.

The three others are used for the accusative, and may be applied to things animate or inanimate, viz.

\* *Moi* and *toi* must be used instead of *me* or *te*, after the second person singular or plural of the imperative mood, conjugated without a negative : ex.

*écoutez-moi,* hear me.  
*suivez-moi,* follow me.

*Le Masc.* him, it ; *la fem.* her, it ; and *les masc.* and fem. them : ex.

<i>Je le vois tous les jours,</i>	I see <i>him</i> every day.
<i>Je le sais,</i>	I know <i>it</i> .
<i>Nous la connoissons,</i>	We know <i>her</i> .
<i>Il les enverra ce soir,</i>	He will send <i>them</i> to-night.

The pronoun personal may be placed before or after the verb, agreeably to the English construction ; but the conjunctive pronouns are to be placed (in French) before the verbs by which they are governed, though they come after them in English : ex.

<i>Je parle,</i>	I speak.
<i>Avons-nous parlé,</i>	Have we spoken ?
<i>Il me parle,</i>	He speaks <i>to me</i> .
<i>Nous les connoissons,</i>	We know <i>them</i> .

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Your brother bought yesterday a very good book,  
*acheta, v.*  
 and after having<sup>2</sup> read<sup>3</sup> it<sup>1</sup>, he gave<sup>2</sup> it<sup>1</sup>  
*après, p. avoir, v. lu, p. p. le, pro. donna, v.*  
 to my sister. --- You speak of my cousin,  
*ma, pro. mon, pro.*  
 do you know him ? --- I see her, and speak  
*connoissez, v. vois, v. parle, v.*  
 to her (every day). --- Do you<sup>2</sup> know<sup>1</sup> your  
*tous les jours. savez, v. vos, pro.*  
 lessons ? --- We know them all. --- I (will carry)  
*leçon, f. savons, v. tout, adj. mènerai, v.*  
 them to my brothers, but I (will write)  
*chez, p. mes, pro. écrirai, v.*  
 to them before. --- I find him more reason-  
*auparavant, adv. trouve, v. raison-*  
 able than his sister. -- Your dog (is  
*nable, adj. sa, pro. chien, m. a*  
 thirsty,) shall<sup>2</sup> I<sup>3</sup> give<sup>2</sup> him<sup>1</sup> water ? -- They are  
*soif, donnerai, v. lui*  
 tired, and I give them some rest.  
*fatigué, p. p. donne, v. repos, m*



In the *second* person singular and the *first* and *second* persons plural of a verb in the imperative mood conjugated *affirmatively*, the conjunctive pronouns come after the verb : but if the verb be conjugated *negatively*, the pronouns follow the above rule : ex.

*Donnez-lui de l'argent,* Give *him* money.  
*Né lui donnez pas de pain,* Do not give *him* any bread.

EXERCISE ON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

Send them some apples, but do not send  
*Envoyez, v.* *vous*  
 them any plums. - - I give you these books,  
*prune, f.* *donne, v.* *ces, pro.*  
 but do not lend them to your brother. - - -  
*vous* *prêtez, v.* *votre, pro.*  
 You may tell it to my father, but do not  
*pouvez, v.* *dire, v.* *mon, pro.* *vous*  
 tell it to my mother. - - Believe me, go  
*dites, v.* *ma, pro.* *Croyez, v.* *allez, v.*  
 and speak to them, but do not insult them. - -  
*vous* *parler, v.* *vous* *insultez, v.*  
 Have you returned (to her) the handkerchief  
*rendu, p. p.* *mouchoir, m.*  
 which she has lent you ? - - Send it to-morrow,  
*que* *prêté, p. p.* *demain, adv.*  
 do not forget it. - - Bring me some cho-  
*vous* *oubliez, v.* *Apportez, v.* *cho-*  
 colate, but bring<sup>a</sup> me<sup>2</sup> no<sup>4</sup> sugar.  
*colat, m.*

When two imperatives are joined by either of the conjunctions, *et*, and ; *ou*, or ; the conjunctive pronoun or pronouns may precede the last imperative by which it is governed ; but that construction is not now much used : ex.

*Cherchez le, et lui dites de* Look for *him* and tell *him*  
*venir ici, or dites lui de, &c.* to come hither.

After the verbs *se fier à*, to trust to, *penser à*, *songer à*, to think of, *viser à*, to aim at, *courir à*, *accourir à*, to run to, *venir à*, to come to, and some of the reflexive verbs followed by a preposition governing a dative case, the pronouns must be placed after the verb, especially if

used in opposition or contradiction to each other ; or denote the order in which a thing ought to be done : and if there be more than one dative pronoun, the first only may be placed before the verb, and the others after : ex.

<i>Fiez-vous à moi,</i>	Trust to me.
<i>Nous-pensons à vous,</i>	We think of you.
<i>Cela s'adresse à toi,</i>	That is addressed to thee.
<i>Je cours à lui,</i>	I run to him.
<i>Il me parle aussi bien qu' à vous et à eux,</i>	He speaks to me as well as to you and them.

#### EXERCISE ON THESE AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

Bring me my hat, or send it to me by the carrier. - - - Trust to him, but do not trust to them, and do not believe them. - - - Think of us, and write to us as soon as you can. - - - Go and see her, and carry her these flowers. - - - Send me my cloak, or bring it to me yourself. - - - Do not give it to my sister, give it to me. Why do you prefer her to me, and give her all your affection ?

When two or more of the conjunctive pronouns come together in the same sentence, they must be arranged in the following order.

#### SINGULAR.

#### PLURAL.

<i>Me, m. &amp; f. me, or to me,</i>	<i>Nous, m. &amp; f. us or to us,</i>
<i>Te, m. &amp; f. thee, or to thee,</i>	<i>Vous, m. &amp; f. you, or to you,</i>
<i>Se, m. &amp; f. oneself, himself, herself,</i>	<i>Se, m. &amp; f. themselves,</i>
<i>are to be placed before all others ;—next,</i>	
<i>Le, m. him, it,</i>	<i>Les, m. &amp; f. them,</i>
<i>La, f. her it,</i>	

And then,

<i>Lui</i> , m. & f. to him, to her,	<i>Leur</i> , m. & f. to them.
<i>Il me le promet</i> ,	He promised <i>it to me</i> .
<i>Je vous les donnerai</i> ,	I will give <i>them to you</i> .

EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

My brother (will send) them to you, or he  
*enverra*, v.

(will bring) them to you himself. --- He likes  
*apportera*, v. *aime*, v.

your<sup>2</sup> house<sup>3</sup> (very much<sup>1</sup>) ; for we showed  
*votre*, pro. *fort*, adv. *car*, c. *fîmes voir*, v.

it to him. --- Carry it to them. --- He will<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>not<sup>3</sup>  
*Portez*, v. *veut*, v. *ne pas*

sell<sup>5</sup> it<sup>4</sup> to them<sup>5</sup>, but he will give it to  
*vendre*, v. *veut donner*, v.

you. --- If they ask a favour, will you  
*Si*, c. *demandent*, v. *grâce*, f. ∞

refuse it to them ? --- Why do you  
*refuserez*; v. *Pourquoi*, adv. ∞

give it to him ? Had you not promised  
*donnez*, v. *Avez*, v. *promis*, p.p.

it to her ? --- He speaks to me, and not to you. ---  
*parle*, v. *non pas*

If they behave themselves well, I will  
*comporter*, v.

reward them. --- He had promised it to  
*récompenserai*, v. *avait*, v.

him, but he gave it to me.  
*a donné*, p.p.

N. B. There are three other conjunctive pronouns, commonly called particles relative or supplying pronouns; they are *en*, *y*, and *le*, and follow the foregoing rules for placing them, *y* taking the precedence of *en*, when they meet together in a sentence.

*En* always denotes a genitive or ablative, and relates to some object mentioned before : it is rendered in English by *of* or *from*, *him*, *her*, *it*, *them* ; *about him*, *her*, *it*, &c. ; *with* or *without him*, *her*, *it*, &c. ; *at it*, &c. ; *for it*, &c. ; *upon it*, &c. ; *any*, *one*, *ones*, *none*, *some*, *some of*, &c., *thence*, *thereof* ; and sometimes it is elegantly understood

in English, especially when immediately followed by a numerical adjective or a noun of quantity, though it must be absolutely expressed in French : ex.

*Nous en parlons,*

We speak *of him, of her, of it, of them ; about him, about her, about it, about them.*

*J'en suis fâché,*

I am sorry *for it.*

*Donnez-lui en,*

Give him *some, (of it.)*

*Lui-en avez-vous porté ?*

Did you carry him or her *any ? (of them.)*

*Ne lui en envoyez pas,*

Send him or her *none.*

*Nous en venons,*

We come *from it or thence.*

*Combien avez-vous de domestiques ? Nous en avons six,*

How many servants have you ? We have six, *(of them.)*

*Avez-vous un jardin à la campagne ? Oui, nous en avons un très-joli,*

Have you a garden in the country ? Yes, we have a very pretty one, *(of them.)*

In the third, fourth, and fifth sentences, it should be observed, that the pronouns *of it*, or *of them*, &c. are elegantly understood in English, according to the object or objects mentioned before.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I have heard that your uncle is arrived,  
*ouï dire, v. arrivé, p.p.*  
 and I<sup>1</sup> am<sup>3</sup> very<sup>4</sup> glad<sup>5</sup> of it<sup>2</sup>. - - She spoke<sup>3</sup> to  
*aise, adj. parla, v.*  
 him<sup>1</sup> of it<sup>2</sup>. - - - Talk<sup>3</sup> no<sup>1</sup> more<sup>4</sup> of it<sup>2</sup>, for I<sup>1</sup>  
*Parlez, v. ne plus car, c.*  
 will<sup>3</sup> not<sup>2</sup> hear<sup>6</sup> of it<sup>5</sup> (any more)<sup>4</sup>. - -  
*veux, v. ne entendre parler, v. plus, adv.*  
 I<sup>1</sup> thank<sup>4</sup> you<sup>2</sup> for it<sup>2</sup>. - - Do you<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>not<sup>5</sup> see<sup>3</sup>  
*remercie, v. voyez, v.*  
 the<sup>6</sup> beauty<sup>7</sup> of it<sup>2</sup> ? - - They are sorry for  
*sont, v. fâche, adj.*  
 it. - - Since you have no pears in your garden,  
*Puisque, c. poire*  
 (I will send) you some. - - - They<sup>1</sup> have<sup>4</sup> stolen<sup>5</sup>  
*enverrai, v. ont, v. volé, p.p.*

from us<sup>2</sup> the<sup>6</sup> greatest<sup>7</sup> part<sup>8</sup> of them<sup>5</sup>. - - My  
*partie*,f. *Mon*,pro.  
 brother has written a letter to your sister, and  
*écrit*,p.p.  
 shown<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> the<sup>4</sup> two<sup>5</sup> first<sup>6</sup> lines<sup>7</sup> of it<sup>2</sup>. - - -  
*a montré*,p.p. *ligne*,f.  
 Will you lend me some books? With all  
*Voulez*,v. *prêter*,v. *De*,p.  
 my heart, I (will lend) you some very pretty  
*cœur*,m. *prêterai*,v.  
 ones. - - Do you<sup>2</sup> think<sup>1</sup> that<sup>3</sup> she<sup>4</sup> has<sup>7</sup> spoken  
*croyez*,v. *ait*,v.subj. *parlé*,p.p.  
 to him<sup>5</sup> of it<sup>2</sup>? - - If I had money, I (would give)  
*avois*,v. *donnerois*,v.  
 you some, but you know, as well as I do,  
*mais*,c. *savez*,v.  
 how scarce<sup>3</sup> it<sup>1</sup> is<sup>2</sup> now. - - - - Send<sup>4</sup>  
*combien*,adv. *rare*,adj. *à présent*,adv. *Envoyez*,v.  
 me<sup>2</sup> none<sup>3</sup>. - - - - Have<sup>2</sup> you<sup>3</sup> any<sup>1</sup>? - - - - Do you<sup>4</sup>  
*ne en pas* *Avez*,v.  
 remember<sup>3</sup> it<sup>2</sup>?  
*souvenez*,v. *en*.

*Y* is used for the dative only : it is Englished by *to it, to them, of it, in it, upon it, thither, there, &c.* and very often not expressed in English, though it must be in French. It seldom supplies the place of animate objects, except when connected with the verb *fier*, to trust; *penser*, to think; and the like, in a reply : ex.

<i>J'y consens,</i>	I agree to it.
<i>Nous y penserons,</i>	We shall think of it.
<i>Ne vous y fiez plus,</i>	Trust them no more.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I<sup>1</sup> never<sup>5</sup> (will<sup>4</sup> consent) (to<sup>3</sup> it,) and<sup>1</sup>  
*ne jamais*,adv. *consentirai*,v.  
 I<sup>1</sup> neither<sup>4</sup> will<sup>3</sup> speak<sup>6</sup>, nor<sup>7</sup> write<sup>9</sup> to  
*ne ni* *veux*,v. *parler*,v. *ni*,c. *écrire*,v.  
 him<sup>8</sup>. - - Believe me, go and see them, do  
*Croyez*,v. *allez*,v.  
 not<sup>1</sup> confide<sup>2</sup> (in<sup>3</sup> it.) - - We<sup>1</sup> have<sup>4</sup> forced<sup>5</sup>  
*fiez vous*,v. *avons*,v. *forcé*,p.p

them<sup>2</sup> to it<sup>3</sup>. - - - I (will carry<sup>2</sup>) my<sup>3</sup> brother<sup>4</sup> thither<sup>1</sup>  
*mènerai, v.*  
 myself<sup>5</sup>. - - He<sup>1</sup> (will carry<sup>5</sup>) them<sup>3</sup> to you<sup>2</sup> thither<sup>4</sup> him-  
*portera, v.*  
 self. - - Did you think of what you had  
*Aviez, v. pensé, p. p. à ce que, pro. aviez, v.*  
 promised me ? - - - No, but<sup>1</sup> I<sup>2</sup> will think<sup>4</sup>  
*promis, p. p. Non, adv. penserai, v.*  
 (of it<sup>3</sup>). - - (It is) a good book ; we<sup>1</sup> read<sup>3</sup> excellent<sup>4</sup>  
*y C'est, v. on, pro. lit, v.*  
 things<sup>5</sup> in it<sup>2</sup>. - - Our orchards are very fruit-  
*choses, f. Nos, pro. verger, m. fer-*  
 ful ; we see all sorts of fruits in  
*tile, adj. on, pro. voit, v. sorte, f. fruit*  
 them. - - Since those people have deceived  
*Puisque, c. ces, pro. gens, pl. trompé, p. p.*  
 you, do not trust them (any more). - - Often when a  
*Or fiez, v. plus, adv. Souvent, adv.*  
 friend is dead we<sup>1</sup> think<sup>4</sup> of him<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>no  
*mort, adj. on, pro. pense, v.*  
 (longer<sup>5</sup>).  
*plus, adv.*

*Le*, which in English is either not expressed, or most commonly rendered by *so*, likewise prevents the repetition of one or more words, and supplies the place of the same. It is indeclinable when it relates to, and holds the place of, one adjective or more, a verb, or a whole member of a sentence : ex.

*Vous m'avez cru belle, mais* You have thought me hand-  
*je ne le suis pas,* some, but I am not (*so*).  
*Nous étions embarrassés, et* We were embarrassed, and  
*nous le sommes encore,* are so yet.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

My brothers were ill yesterday.  
*Mes, pro. étoient malade, adj. hier, adv.*  
 and are so still to-day. - - - I am  
*encore, adv. aujourd'hui, adv.*  
 satisfied with my fate, but my sister is not.  
*content, adj. de sort, m. ma, pro.*  
 I had heard that your sister was married,  
*avois, v. ouï dire, p. p. que étoit, v. marié, p. p.*

but my                      cousin tells me that she is not. - - - -  
*mon, pro.                      dit, v.*  
 Our                      master rewards                      us when we deserve  
*Notre, pro.                      récompense, v.                      méritons, v.*  
 it. - - - - Children (ought to) apply                      to their  
*doivent, v.                      s'appliquer, v.                      leurs, pro.*  
 studies as much                      as they can. - - - - I thought  
*autant, adv.                      peuvent, v.                      croyois, v.*  
 your brother                      was diligent, but I mistook,  
*étoit, v.                      me suis trompé, p. p.*  
 for he is not, and 'never<sup>4</sup>                      (will be<sup>3</sup>) so<sup>2</sup>.  
*ne jamais, adv. sera, v.*

On the contrary, *le* is declinable when it relates to, and holds the place of, one substantive or more ; then *le* is used for the masculine, *la* for the feminine, and *les* for the plural : ex.

*Etes-vous le fils de mon* Are you my friend Mr. D.'s  
*ami M. D\*\* ? Oui, je* son? Yes, I am, (*him.*)  
*le suis,*  
*Etes-vous la mère de ce* Are you the mother of that  
*bel enfant ? Oui, je la* fine child? Yes, I am,  
*suis,* (*her.*)  
*Etes-vous les tantes de M.* Are you Mr. Brown's aunts?  
*Brown ? Oui, nous les* Yes, we are, (*them.*)  
*sommes,*  
*Est-ce là votre livre ? Oui ce* Is this your book? Yes, it  
*l'est,* is, (*it*)

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

(It is said) that you are the son of my neighbour  
*On dit, v.                      que                      voisin, m.*  
 Mr. Peter ;                      are you so? Yes, Sir,                      I  
*Pierre, m.                      Monsieur, m.*  
 am. - - - Are you the sister of Mrs.                      Adams? Yes,  
*Mme*  
 I am. - - She is very amiable, <sup>1</sup>and so<sup>3</sup> are<sup>4</sup> you<sup>2</sup> also<sup>3</sup>. - -  
*aimable, adj.                      aussi.*  
 Are you the ladies                      whom my mother                      expects?  
*dame, f.                      que                      attend, v.*  
 Yes, we are. - - <sup>4</sup>Are                      <sup>1</sup>these                      <sup>2</sup>young                      <sup>3</sup>people the  
*(Sont-ils) ces, pro. jeune, adj. gens, pl*

scholars whom you have taught ? Yes, madam,  
*écolier, m. enseignés, p. p.*  
 they are. - - (Is that) the horse which you bought  
*Est-ce là cheval, m. que avez acheté*  
 from my brother ? Yes, it is. - - - (Are these) the  
*Sont-ce là*  
 houses which you built ? Yes, they are.  
*avez fait bâtir, v. sont.*

N. B. It must be observed, that the following pronouns, *me, te, se, le, la,* and *les*, can never be used after a preposition ; as we cannot say, *j' étois, avec le, avec la*, I was with *him*, with *her* ; but we must use the personal pronouns, *moi, toi, soi, lui, elle,* and *cux*, or *elles*, and say, *j' étois avec lui, avec elle, &c.*

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The nosegay which I gathered in our  
*bouquet, m. que ai cueilli, p. p.*  
 garden is for her, and not for him. - - He  
*pour, p. non pas, adv.*  
 was with me when we received a letter from  
*étoit, v. reçûmes, v.*  
 them. - - If he do not come soon, we (will set  
*ou vient, v. bientôt, adv. parti-*  
 out) without him. - - - Your sisters have dis-  
*rons, v. sans, p. Vos, pro. mécon-*  
 pleased me ; I am very angry with them.  
*tenté, p. p. suis fâché, adj. contre, p.*  
 - - Your brothers have broken these windows ; I  
*ont cassé, p. p. ces, pro.*  
 am sure of it, for I was behind them, and  
*sûr, adj. car, c. étois derrière, p.*  
 John was with me.  
*Jean étoit.*

Y and *en* always go last in a sentence, except the pronoun of the first person *moi*, which, in the imperative mood of a verb conjugated affirmatively, is placed after *y* and *en*: ex.

*Il vous y en enverra,*

He will send some to you  
*thither.*

*Apportez-y en moi,*

Bring me some *hither.*





SINGULAR.		PLURAL.	
Masc.	Fem.	Both Genders.	
<i>Mon, Ma, or Mon,</i>	$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{before a} \\ \text{vowel, or h} \\ \text{mute: as,} \end{array} \right\}$	<i>mon âme, Mes, my.</i>	
<i>Ton, Ta, or Ton,</i>		<i>ton âme, Tes, thy.</i>	
<i>Son, Sa, or Son,</i>		<i>son âme, Ses, his, her or its.</i>	
		Both Genders.	
<i>Notre,</i>		<i>Nos, our.</i>	
<i>Votre,</i>		<i>Vos, your.</i>	
<i>Leur,</i>		<i>Leurs, their.</i>	

They are declined with the article indefinite *de, à* : ex.

## SINGULAR.

## Masculine.

Nom. Acc. *mon père*, my father.

Gen. Abl. *de mon père*, of or from my father.

Dat. *à mon père*, to my father.

## Feminine.

Nom. Acc. *ma mère*, my mother.

Gen. Abl. *de ma mère*, of or from my mother.

Dat. *à ma mère*, to my mother.

## PLURAL.

## Masculine.

Nom. Acc. *mes frères*, my brothers.

Gen. Abl. *de mes frères*, of or from my brothers.

Dat. *à mes frères*, to my brothers.

## Feminine.

Nom. Acc. *mes sœurs*, my sisters.

Gen. Abl. *de mes sœurs*, of or from my sisters.

Dat. *à mes sœurs*, to my sisters.

The others are declined as the preceding.

These pronouns ought to be repeated before every substantive in a sentence, though but once expressed in English ; they must agree in gender and number with the noun before which they are placed, that is, with *the thing possessed* and not *the possessor* ; they must also be used in French, when speaking to any of our relations or friends, though they be suppressed in English : ex.

*J'ai perdu mon chapeau et mes gants,* I lost my hat and gloves.

*Bon jour mon père,* Good day, father.

*Etes-vous là ma sœur ?* Are you there, sister ?

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Give me my dictionary and grammar. - - - She  
*dictionnaire, m.      grammair, f.*  
 had lost her gloves and fan. - - - - - Have  
*avait, v.   perdu, p. p.      évanail, m.   Avez, v.*  
 you found your pen? - - - - - His daughter is  
*trouvé, p. p.      plume, f.      fille, f.*  
 older than my son, but her son (is not)  
*plus âgée      fils, m.      n'est pas, v.*  
 so tall as my nephew. - - - - - Her brother says  
*grand, adj.      neveu, m.      dit, v.*  
 that he will<sup>3</sup> 'not<sup>4</sup> refuse<sup>3</sup> you<sup>2</sup> what you ask  
*refusera, v.      ce que      demandez, v.*  
 of him. - - - Dear father, pray forgive me. - - - My  
*de grâce*  
 ambition is the only cause of my impru-  
*ambition, f.      seul, adj.      cause, f.      impru-*  
 dence. - - - I have seen your father, mother, bro-  
*dence, f.      ai, v.      vu, p. p.*  
 thers, and sisters. - - - Her affection for me is  
*affection, p.      pour, f.*  
 false. - - - - Good night, cousin : I hope that you  
*faux, adj.      soir, m.      espère, v.      que*  
 (will come) soon to see my country-  
*viendrez, v.      bientôt, adv.      voir, v.*  
 house and gardens. - - - - Your horses and carriage  
*cheval, m.      carrosse, m.*  
 are very beautiful ; but the queen's horses and carriages  
*beau, adj.*  
 are much more so.  
*beaucoup, adv.*

When, in English, these pronouns are used in a sentence, speaking of any part of the body, they are not to be expressed in French ; but the preposition *in* and the pronoun are rendered by the article definite : the personal pronoun being sufficient to determine in French the possession : ex.

*J'ai mal aux yeux,*  
 and not *dans mes yeux.*

I have a pain *in my* eyes.

*Il se cassa le bras,*  
 and not *son bras.*

He broke *his* arm.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

My mother has (a pain) in her head. - - - I have  
*a, v. mal à, p. tête, f.*  
 (a pain) in my ear, and she has (a pain) in her  
*oreille, f.*  
 teeth. - - - When I eat meat, I have always  
*dent, f. mange, v. toujours, adv.*  
 a pain in my stomach. - - - The man who fell from  
*estomac, m. tomba, v.*  
 the roof of our house, disjoined his wrist,  
*toit, m. se démit, v. poignet, m.*  
 broke his right leg, sprained  
*droit, adj. jambe, f. se donna une entorse*  
 his left foot, dislocated his shoulders,  
*au gauche, adj. pied, m. se disloqua, v. épaule, m.*  
 and hurt his head. - - - When I run fast,  
*se blessa, v. cours, v. vite, adv.*  
 I (am afraid) of falling and breaking my  
*crains, v. tomber, v. de me casser, v.*  
 arm or neck.

*Its, their*, having reference to inanimate or irrational objects, and placed in another member of the sentence from that wherein the object referred to is itself expressed, are not made into French by *son, sa, ses*, &c. but by the pronoun *en* placed before the verb, and the articles *le, la, les* : ex.

*Paris est une grande ville, Paris is a large city, but its*  
*mais les rues en sont trop étroites, streets are too narrow*  
*(that is, the streets of it.)*

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Windsor is a fine town : I admire its  
*ville, f. admire, v.*  
 situation, walks, and streets. - - - This  
*situation, f. promenade, f. rue, f. Cette, pro.*  
 house is well situated ; but its architecture  
*situé, adj. architecture, f.*  
 does not please me much. - - - - His coach is  
*plait, v. beaucoup, adv. carrosse, m.*  
 beautiful ; (every body) admires its painting  
*tout le monde, m. admire, v. peinture, f.*

and ornaments. - - - The shops of London are  
 (very fine : foreigners especially see their  
*superbe*, adj. *étranger*, m. *sur-tout*, adv.  
 riches and cleanliness with much pleasure and astonish-  
 ment. - - - The walks of your country seat) are well  
*allée*, f. *château*, m.

kept : I like their regularity.  
*tenu*, p.p. *régularité*, f.

The *relatives* are never joined to any substantive ; for  
 the substantive to which they refer is always implied in  
 the pronoun. They are,

Masculine.		Feminine.	
SING.	PLUR.	SING.	PLUR.
<i>Le mien,</i>	<i>les miens,</i>	<i>la mienne,</i>	<i>les miennes,</i> mine.
<i>Le tien,</i>	<i>les tiens,</i>	<i>la tienne,</i>	<i>les tiennes,</i> thine.
<i>Le sien,</i>	<i>les siens,</i>	<i>la sienne,</i>	<i>les siennes,</i> his or hers.

Masculine.		Feminine.	
SING.	PLURAL.	SING.	PLURAL.
<i>Le nôtre,</i>	<i>les nôtres,</i>	<i>la nôtre,</i>	<i>les nôtres,</i> ours.
<i>Le vôtre,</i>	<i>les vôtres,</i>	<i>la vôtre,</i>	<i>les vôtres,</i> yours.
<i>Le leur,</i>	<i>les leurs,</i>	<i>la leur,</i>	<i>les leurs,</i> theirs.

They are declined with the article definite : ex.

## SINGULAR.

Masculine.		Feminine.	
Nom. Acc.	<i>Le mien,</i>		<i>la mienne,</i> mine.
Gen. Abl.	<i>Du mien,</i>		<i>de la mienne,</i> of or from mine.
Dat.	<i>Au mien,</i>		<i>à la mienne,</i> to mine.

## PLURAL.

Masculine.		Feminine.	
Nom. Acc.	<i>Les miens,</i>		<i>les miennes,</i> mine.
Gen. Abl.	<i>Des miens,</i>		<i>des miennes,</i> of or from mine.
Dat.	<i>Aux miens,</i>		<i>aux miennes,</i> to mine.

The rest are declined as the preceding.

When any one of these relative pronouns is used after  
 the verb *être*, to be, signifying *to belong to*, it must be  
 expressed in French by one of the pronouns personal in  
 the dative ; and when joined to a noun substantive, it  
 ought to be rendered by a pronoun possessive absolute,  
 and the substantive must be put in the genitive plural :  
 ex.

*Ce livre est à moi,*

This book is *mine*, (that is,  
*belongs to me.*)

*C'est un de mes amis,*

He is a friend of *mine*, (that  
is, *one of my friends.*)

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Your daughter is handsomer than mine ; but  
*beau*,adj.  
mine has more wit than yours. --- Her house is  
*esprit*  
more convenient than ours ; but yours is not so  
*commode*,adj.  
well situate as theirs. --- This hat is mine and  
*Ce*,pro.  
not yours ; but this sword is yours and  
*non pas* *cette*,pro.  
not his. --- I lost a book of mine, and a friend  
*ai perdu*,p.p.  
of yours found it. --- He sold me a knife ;  
*a trouvé*,p.p. *couteau*,m.  
but this knife was not his, but it was a friend of his  
*étoit* *c'étoit*  
who had lent it to him.  
*avoit prêté*,v.

#### OF PRONOUNS DEMONSTRATIVE.

These pronouns are called *demonstrative*, because they distinguish, in a precise manner, the persons or things to which they are applied. They are,

##### SINGULAR.

##### Masculine.

*Ce, cet*,\*  
*Celui*, he, that,  
*Celui-ci*,  
*Celui-là*,

##### Feminine.

*cette*, this, that.  
*celle*, she, that.  
*celle-ci*, this.  
*celle-là*, that.

##### PLURAL.

##### Masculine.

*Ces*,  
*Ceux*,

##### Feminine.

*ces*, these, those.  
*celles*, they, these, those.

\* *Cet* is used before a noun masculine beginning with a vowel, or H mute : ex. *cet oiseau*, this bird : *cet honneur*, this honour

<i>Ceux-ci,</i>	<i>celles-ci,</i> these.
<i>Ceux-là</i>	<i>celles-là,</i> those.
<i>Ce qui, ce que,</i> what.	
<i>Ceci,</i> this ; <i>cela,</i> that.*	

The last two are always of the masculine gender, and of the singular number.

These pronouns are declined with the article indefinite, *de, à*: ex.

## SINGULAR.

## Masculine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>ce livre,</i> this or that book.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de ce livre,</i> of or from this book.
Dat.	<i>à ce livre,</i> to this book.

## PLURAL.

Nom. Acc.	<i>ces livres,</i> these books.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de ces livres,</i> of or from these books.
Dat.	<i>à ces livres,</i> to these books.

## SINGULAR.

## Feminine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>cette plume,</i> this or that pen.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de cette plume,</i> of or from this pen.
Dat.	<i>à cette plume,</i> to this pen.

## PLURAL.

Nom. Acc.	<i>ces plumes,</i> these pens.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de ces plumes,</i> of or from these pens.
Dat.	<i>à ces plumes,</i> to these pens.

## SINGULAR.

## Masculine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>celui,</i> he, him, that.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de celui,</i> of or from him.
Dat.	<i>à celui,</i> to him.

## Feminine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>celle,</i> she, her, that.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de celle,</i> of or from her.
Dat.	<i>à celle,</i> to her.

\* The word *that*, coming between two verbs, and followed by a noun or pronoun, is then a conjunction, and must be rendered into French by *que*, even when implied in English: ex.

*Je sais que votre frère est marié,* I know *that* your brother is married ; or, I know your brother is married.

## PLURAL.

Masc.

Fem.

N. Acc. *ceux, celles*, they, them, those, such as.G. Abl. *de ceux, de celles*, of or from those.Dat. *à celles*, to those.

The others are declined as the preceding.

N. B. *He, she, they, him, her, them*, being immediately followed in a sentence by *who, whom*, or *that*, used in an indeterminate sense, not relating to any individual mentioned before, and only implying *any person, one, or any body*, must not be rendered in French by the personal pronouns, *il, elle*, &c. but by the above pronouns, *celui, celle*, &c.

The same rule must be observed with respect to *such as, such that*, used in English in the same sense as *he who, they who*: ex.

Celui ou celle qui pratique	<i>He or she who</i>	practises	virtue
la vertu vit heureux,			lives happy.
Ceux qui méprisent la science,	<i>Such as</i>	despise	learning,
n'en connoissent pas le prix,		do not know	its value,
		(the value of it.)	

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

He who supports	idleness	makes himself
<i>encourage, v.</i>		<i>se rend, v.</i>
despicable. - - - - She	whom you saw	at my
<i>méprisable, adj.</i>	<i>que, pro.</i>	<i>vîtes, v. chez, p.</i>
brother's is not yet	married. - - - - -	You
<i>encore, adj.</i>	<i>marié, p. p.</i>	
punish him who is not	guilty. - - -	Mén com-
<i>punissez, v.</i>	<i>coupable, adj.</i>	<i>ordinairement, adv.</i>
only <sup>2</sup> hate <sup>1</sup> him whom they fear. - - - - -	<i>haïssent, v.</i>	<i>que, pro. craignent, v.</i>
She whom you hate,	is my best friend. - - -	You
<i>haïssez, v.</i>	<i>amie, f.</i>	
have punished him who did not deserve it,		
<i>puni, p. p.</i>	<i>méritoit, v.</i>	
and rewarded her who was guilty. - - -	We	
<i>récompensé, p. p.</i>		
(ought to) pray for them who persecute		
<i>devons, v.</i>	<i>qui, pro. persécutent, v.</i>	



us. - - - Of all virtues, that which most<sup>2</sup> dis-  
 tinguishes<sup>1</sup> a christian is charity. - - - This book and  
*que, pro. ai prêté, p.p.*  
 that which I lent you are the two best. - - -  
 Such as seem (to be) happy, are not  
*qui, pro. paroissent, v. être, v.*  
 always so.  
*toujours, adv. \**

*Ce, cette, ces*, this, that, these, those, must always pre-  
 cede the substantive to which they are joined, and agree  
 with it in gender, number, and case. On the contrary,  
*celui, celle, celui-ci, celle-ci, celui-là, celle-là*, this, that, &c.  
 either in the singular or plural, are never joined to any  
 noun ; for the noun to which they refer is always implied  
 in the pronoun : ex.

*J'ai vu le portrait du père et celui du fils,* I have seen the father's  
 picture, and *that* of the  
 son.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

She who dines with us, is my brother's wife. - - -  
*dine, v. avec, p. femme, f.*  
 She brought her picture, and that of her  
*a apporté, p.p. portrait, m.*  
 husband. - - - - I have seen the king's palace, and  
*mari, m. palais, m.*  
 that of the queen. - - - - That gold watch, which  
*montre, f. que, pro.*  
 you showed me, is not yours, it is that of  
*avez montrée, p.p. c'est, v.*  
 your brother. - - - - I have lost my buckles and  
*perdu, p.p.*  
 those of your cousin. - - - - Your books and those of  
*cousin, m.*  
 your little sister are torn. - - - - I know this  
*petit, adj. déchirés, p.p. connois, v.*  
 cap, it is that of your mother.  
*bonnet, m. c'est, v.*

\* See the Rule, page 106.

N. B. The pronoun *that*, either in the singular or plural, is often suppressed in English, and supplied by an apostrophe and an *s*, thus (*'s*), at the end of the noun substantive, as above ; but it must be expressed in French by the above pronouns *celui*, *celle*, and according to the gender and number of the object to which it refers : ex.

*Il a pris mon chapeau et celui de mon père,* He has taken my hat and my father's (*that is, and that of my father.*)

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

You have torn my gown, and my sister's. - - -  
*déchiré, p.p. robe, f.*  
 I have found my hat and my brother's in the  
*trouvé, p.p.*  
 room. - - - The thieves came by night  
*chambre, f. voleur, m. entrèrent, v. de nuit, adv.*  
 into my father's house : they (broke open) my room  
*dans forcèrent, v.*  
 and my mother's, and stole my watch and  
*volèrent, v.*  
 my sister's. - - - You may, if you please, take  
*pouvez, v. voulez, v. prendre, v.*  
 your grammar and your brother's ; but leave  
*laissez, v.*  
 mine and my friend's. - - - Our oranges and Mr.  
*orange, f.*  
 Savage's are the best that you can  
*Sauvage, on, pro. puisse, v.*  
 find.  
*trouver, v.*

Sometimes the particles *ci*, *là*, here, there, are also joined to the substantive following the pronouns, *ce*, *cette*, *ces*, to distinguish with more precision the objects to which they are applied : ex.

*Ce chapeau-ci*, this hat ; *cette ville-là*, that town, &c.

N. B. The two following expressions, *the former*, *celui-là, m. celle-là, f. ceux-là, m. celles-là, f.* ; *the latter*, *celui-ci, m. celle-ci, f. ceux-ci, m. celles-ci, f.* referring to substantives mentioned in a preceding sentence, are

elegantly used in French, and agree with the nouns, instead of *le premier*, *le second*, the repetition of which they avoid : ex.

<i>Un Francois et un Ecos-</i>	A Frenchman and a Scotch-
<i>sois se battirent hier à</i>	man fought yesterday with
<i>l'épée, celui-là fut blessé</i>	swords ; <i>the former</i> was
<i>à l'épaule, et celui-ci au</i>	wounded in the shoulder,
<i>bras,</i>	and <i>the latter</i> in the arm.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Learn this lesson : it is not so difficult  
*Apprenez, v.* *difficile, adj.*  
 as that. --- I prefer this way to that road. ---  
*préfère, v.* *chemin, m.* *route, f.*  
 This room is much larger than that parlour. ---  
*grand, adj.* *salon, m.*  
 These candles are better than those. ---  
*chandelle, f.*  
 (There was) a great battle between George  
*Il y eut, v.* *combat, m.* *entre, p.*  
 and Stephen ; the former had a broken<sup>2</sup> nose<sup>1</sup>,  
*Etienne,* *cut, v. le cassé, p. p.* *nez, m.*  
 and the latter lost a tooth. --- In the engagements  
*perdit, v.* *bataille, f.*  
 which took place between the Austrians  
*qui, pro. eurent, v.* *lieu, m.* *Autrichien, m.*  
 and the French, the former lost two  
*François, m.* *perdirent, v.*  
 thousand men, and the latter fifteen hundred ---  
*homme,*  
 Among the peaches which you sent<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> at two  
*Parmi, p. pêche, f. que, pro. avez envoyées* *à*  
 different times, I observed that the former  
*différent, adj. fois, f. ai remarqué, v.*  
 were better than the latter.  
*étoient, v.*

*Ce qui*, in the nominative case, *ce que*, in the accusative, what. This pronoun is never joined to any noun : it always may be turned into *that which*, or the *thing which* ;

and *ceci, cela*, this, that, are only used when speaking of things, the word *thing* being always understood : ex.

*Je sais ce qui est arrivé,* I know *what* has happened.

*Savez-vous ce que je pense ?* Do you know *what* I think ?  
*Ceci me plait,* *This* pleases me ; i. e. *this thing, &c.*

*Cela me fait peur,* *That* frightens me ; i. e. *that thing, &c.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

May I know what causes your grief  
*puis, v. savoir, v. cause, v. chagrin, m.*  
 and sadness ? --- Your father has (a good deal)  
*tristesse, f. beaucoup, adv.*  
 of friendship for you ; for, he <sup>1</sup>never<sup>4</sup>  
*car, c. ne jamais, adv.*  
 refuses<sup>3</sup> you<sup>2</sup> what you ask of him. ---  
*refuse, v. demandez, v. & lui.*  
 You seem much dejected ; toll me what  
*paraissez, v. bien, adv. abattu, adj. dites-moi*  
 vexes you. ---- Go and tell my father what  
*fâche, v. Allez, v. & dire, v. à, p.*  
 has passed here, and do not forget what you  
*s'est passé, v. ici, adv. & oubliez, v.*  
 have seen, and what you have heard. ---- Give  
*entendu, p. p.*  
 me this, and take that. ---- I prefer this to  
*prenez, v. préfère, v.*  
 that.

#### OF PRONOUNS RELATIVE.

These pronouns are called *relative*, because they have always a reference to some other noun or pronoun in the discourse, either expressed or implied. They are declined as follows :

## SINGULAR and PLURAL.

## Both Genders.

Nom.	<i>qui,</i>	who, which, that.
Gen.	<i>de qui, or dont,</i>	of whom, whose,* of which.
Dat.	<i>à qui,</i>	to whom, to which.
Acc.	<i>que, qui,†</i>	whom, which, that.
Abl.	<i>de qui, dont,</i>	from whom, from which.
Acc.	<i>quoi, que,</i>	what.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de quoi, or dont,</i>	or from what.
Dat.	<i>à quoi,</i>	to what.

## SINGULAR.

## Masculine.

## Feminine.

Nom. Acc.	<i>lequel,</i>	<i>laquelle,</i> which.
Gen. Abl.	<i>duquel, or dont,</i>	<i>de laquelle,</i> of or from, &c.
Dat.	<i>auquel,</i>	<i>à laquelle,</i> to which.

## PLURAL.

Nom. Acc.	<i>lesquels,</i>	<i>lesquelles,</i> which.
Gen. Abl.	<i>desquels, or dont,</i>	<i>desquelles,</i> of or from, &c.
Dat.	<i>auxquels,</i>	<i>auxquelles,</i> to which.

The noun, or pronoun, to which the pronoun relative has a reference, is called the *antecedent*, with which it must agree in gender and number : ex.

*Je connois un homme qui doit aller voir le camp,* I know a man *who* is to go and see the camp.

In this sentence *qui* has a reference to *homme*, man, because I can say, *lequel homme*, which man, &c.

*J'ai lu la lettre que vous m'avez envoyée,* I have read the letter (*that*) you sent me.

In this last sentence *que* has a reference to *lettre*, letter, because it may be said, *laquelle lettre*, which letter, &c.

\* *Whose*, being used interrogatively, must be rendered in French by *à qui* : ex.

*À qui est ce livre ?*

Whose book is this ?

† *Qui*, whom, is never used in the accusative but when it is governed by some of the prepositions : ex.

*Avec qui,* With whom.

*Pour qui,* For whom.

or when it signifies *what person* : ex.

*Amenez qui vous voudrez,* Bring whom you please.

that is, *what person* you please.

The relative *que*, whom, which, or that, is sometimes understood in English, but it must always be expressed in French : ex.

*La damè que vous connoissez*      The lady (that) you know  
*est arrivée,*                                      is arrived.

# EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The man who sold me                      these pens is very  
   *a, v. vendu, p. p.*  
cunning. ---- The lady                      of whom you speak  
*rusé, adj.*                      *dame, f.*                      *parlez, v.*  
is not handsome. ---- Miss D\*\*\*, whom you love  
   *Mlle*                      *aimez, v.*  
so much,                      is very ill. ---- The person                      to  
*tant, adv.*                      *malade, adj.*                      *personne, f.*  
whom I wrote                      last                      year has answered  
   *ai, v. écrit, p. p.*                      *passé, p. p.*                      *année, f.*                      *répondu, p. p.*  
me this morning. -- He who was with you, related  
   *matin, m.*                      *étoit, v.*                      *a, v.*                      *raconté, p. p.*  
to me (every thing)                      that had                      passed. ----  
   *tout*                      *ce qui s'étoit*                      *passé, p. p.*  
She will                      not hear                      of the lady whom  
*veut, v.*                      *entendre parler, v.*  
he (is going to)                      marry. ---- Shun                      vice, and  
   *va, v.*                      *épouser, v.*                      *Evitez, v.*                      *vice, m.*  
love                      what is good. ---- Who                      was                      with  
*aimez, v.*                      *bon, adj.*                      *étoit, v.*                      *avec, p.*  
you ? ---- It was a gentleman, whose<sup>1</sup> name<sup>6</sup> I<sup>2</sup>  
   *Ce*                      *monsieur, m.*                      *nom, m.*  
know<sup>4</sup>                      <sup>3</sup>not<sup>5</sup>. ---- Men generally<sup>2</sup>                      love<sup>1</sup> him  
*sais, v.*                      *généralement, adv.*  
who flatters them. -- The man I sent                      you was  
   *flatte, v.*                      *ai, v. envoyé, p. p.*  
honest. -- Whose<sup>1</sup> sword<sup>4</sup> is<sup>2</sup> this<sup>3</sup> ? -- You speak  
                        *parlez, v.*  
of the lady whose husband has been so ill.  
   *mari, m.*                      *été, p. p.*

These pronouns, like the personal and conjunctive, when governed by two or more verbs, must be repeated (in French) before each governing verb, though most

commonly expressed but once in English, and before the first verb: ex.

*Le Dieu que nous aimons*      The God whom we love  
*et que nous adorons,*              and worship.

# EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The man who caresses and flatters you is<sup>1</sup> the<sup>3</sup>  
*caresse, v.*

most<sup>4</sup> dangerous<sup>5</sup> being<sup>2</sup> I know. - - - A man  
*plus, adv.*                      *être, m.*              *connoisse, v.*

whose manners              are innocent,              and behaviour  
*mœurs, f. pl.*                      *innocent, adj.*              *conduite, f.*

is blameless,              is the man whom we (ought to) che-  
*irréprochable, adj.*                      *derons, v.*              *ché-*

rish and honour. - - - The letters which you have  
*rir, v.*              *respecter, v.*

written,              and showed              me,              were              tole-  
*écrites, p. p.*                      *montrées, p. p.*                      *étoient, v.*              *passa-*

rably              well. - - - The woman to whom I have  
*blement, adv.*                      *femme, f.*

lent              so much money, and spoken              so often  
*prélé, p. p.*                      *parlé, p. p.*

is dead. - - - Servants                      are men or wo-  
*mort, adj.*              *Domestique, m. et. f.*                      *ou, c.*

men whom we keep                      and reward  
*nourrissons, v.*                      *récompensons, v.*

for              the services which they do              us.  
*pour, p.*                      *rendent, v.*

When the words *to which, to what, at which, at what, in which, in what*, have a reference to inanimate things, and when they can be expressed by *where, whereto, whereat, or wherein*, they are to be rendered in French by the adverb of place, *où*: ex.

*Je vous montrerai la maison*      I will show you the house  
*où il demeure,*                      *in which he lives; (that is, where he lives.)*

# EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The state of misery to which he was reduced  
*étoit réduit, p. p.*

has touched me to the quick. - - - The town to  
*touché*,p.p. *rif*,m. *ville*,f.  
 which he is gone is precisely the same  
*allé*,p.p. *précisément*,adv. *même*,adj.  
 place through which we went in (coming up)  
*place*,f. *par*,p. *où* *passâmes*,v. *en*,p. *venant*,p.act.  
 to London. - - - (This is) the door through which  
*Voici*,adv.  
 the thieves went into the house. - - - The pri-  
*voleur*,m. *entrèrent*,v.  
 son in which they used to shut up  
*l'on*,pro. *avoit coutume*,v. *de renfermer*,v.  
 the prisoners, has been demolished.  
*prisonnier*,m. *détruite*,p.p.

*Quoi*, what, and sometimes *that* or *which*, is never used in the nominative case : in the other cases it is generally used in an indeterminate signification, and is never expressed except in speaking of inanimate things, and especially when it has for its antecedent, *ce* or *rien*: ex.

*C'est à quoi je vous conseille* It is *what* I advise you to  
*de penser*, think of.  
*Il n'y a rien à quoi il ne soit* There is nothing for *which*  
*disposé*, he is not disposed.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Of what does your sister complain? - - - What!  
*se plaint-elle*,v.  
 you dare answer me thus! - - - For what do  
*osez*,v. *répondre*,v. *ainsi*,adv. *Pour*,p. *se*  
 you<sup>3</sup> call<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup>? - - - Why did you  
*appelez*,v. *Pourquoi*,adv. *avez*,v.  
 bring that man before me? what is he  
*amené*,p.p. *devant*,p.  
 guilty of? - - - What is your brother sorry  
*coupable*,adj. *fâché*,adj.  
 for? - - - At what were<sup>1</sup> you<sup>2</sup> playing,<sup>1</sup> when I came  
*de* *à* *jouiez*,v. *suis*  
 in? - - - To what shall<sup>2</sup> we<sup>1</sup> apply<sup>2</sup> ourselves? -  
*entré*,v. *appliquerons*,v. *nous*,pro.  
 ('There<sup>3</sup> is<sup>4</sup>) <sup>2</sup>nothing<sup>5</sup> for which he is<sup>2</sup> not<sup>1</sup>  
*Il y a*,v. *ne rien*,adv. *a* *soit*,v. *ne*



fit. - - - - In what do you intend to spend  
*propre*,adj. à *proposez-vous*,v. de,p. *passer*,v.  
 your holidays ?  
*vacance*,f.pl.

When we speak of irrational beings or inanimate things in the genitive, dative, or ablative cases, we make use of *lequel*, *laquelle*, which, &c. instead of *qui* ; also after a preposition, and when who, whom, or which, refer to one or more objects on which the choice is to be formed : ex.

*Le cheval auquel vous donnez à boire,* The horse to which you give some drink.  
*La fenêtre sur laquelle vous appuyez,* The window upon which you lean.  
*Apportez lequel vous voulez,* Bring which you please.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The trade to which you apply,  
*commerce*,m. *vous vous appliquez*,v.  
 and the profession to which you are devoted,  
*profession*,f. *dévoué*,p.p.  
 are very honourable. - - - (Is that) the horse for  
*Est*,v.ce,p.là,adv.  
 which you gave a hundred guineas ? - - Lying  
*avez donné*,p.p. *Mensonge*,m.  
 is a vice for which young people (ought to)  
*gens*,pl. *doivent*,v.  
 have the greatest horror. - - - The table upon  
*horreur*,f. *table*,f. *sur*,p.  
 which you write, is broken. - - - - The reasons  
*écrivez*,v. *cassée*,p.p.  
 upon which you ground your system are  
*appuyez*,v. *système*,m.  
 satisfactory. - - - - (There are) four drawings ; which  
*satisfaisant*,adj. *Voilà*,adv. *dessins*,m.  
 do you choose ? - - - - (Here are) two pears ; which  
*choisissez*,v. *Voici*,adv. *poire*,f.  
 will you have ? - - They are two sisters ; which  
*voulez*,v. *sont*,v.  
 do you like the best ?  
*aimez*,v. *le mieux*,adv.

## OF PRONOUNS INTERROGATIVE.

They are called *interrogative*, because they are used only in asking questions, and have no antecedent : they are declined with the article indefinite.

## SINGULAR and PLURAL.

## Both Genders.

Nom. Acc.	<i>qui</i> , who, whom.
Gen. Abl.	<i>de qui</i> , of or from whom.
Dat.	<i>à qui</i> , to whom, whose.
Nom. Acc.	<i>quoi</i> , or <i>que</i> , what ; *
	Or, <i>qu'est-ce qui</i> , <i>qu'est-ce que</i> .
Gen. Abl.	<i>de quoi</i> , of or from what.
Dat.	<i>quoi</i> , to what.

## SINGULAR.

## Masculine.

## Feminine.

N. A.	<i>quel</i> , or <i>lequel</i> ,	<i>quelle</i> , or <i>laquelle</i> , what, which.
G. A.	<i>de quel</i> , <i>duquel</i> ,	<i>de quelle</i> , <i>de laquelle</i> , of or from, &c.
Dat.	<i>à quel</i> , <i>auquel</i> ,	<i>à quelle</i> , <i>à laquelle</i> , to what, which.

## PLURAL.

## Masculine.

## Feminine.

N. A.	<i>quels</i> , or <i>lesquels</i> ,	<i>quelles</i> , or <i>lesquelles</i> , what, which.
G. A.	<i>de quels</i> , <i>desquels</i> , <i>dequelles</i> , <i>desquelles</i> ,	of or from, &c.
Dat.	<i>à quels</i> , <i>auxquels</i> ,	<i>à quelles</i> , <i>auxquelles</i> , to what, which.

*Qui*, who, whom, as an interrogative pronoun, always refers to persons, and never to things ; and it may be expressed by *quelle personne* ? what person ? *Quoi* and *que*, what, have always a reference to things and never to persons, and may be expressed by *quelle chose* ? what thing ? According to the French idiom, *quoi* can never be put before a verb as its accusative ; it is always *que* : ex.

<i>Qui est-là ?</i>	Who is there ?
<i>De quoi parlez-vous ?</i>	What are you speaking of ?
<i>Que voulez-vous ?</i> or <i>qu'est-ce que vous voulez ?</i>	What do you want ? ( <i>that is, What is it that you wish ?</i> )

\* When *what*, in English, signifies *How much*, it must be expressed in French by *combien*.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Who was the first king of France ? --- Who can  
*fut, v.* *peut, v.*  
 give credit to a young man who does not speak  
*ajouter, v.* *foi* *dit, v.*  
 the truth ? --- Of whom were<sup>1</sup> you<sup>2</sup> speaking<sup>1</sup>, when  
*vérité, f.* *parliez, v.*  
 I came ? --- To whom did you lend my  
*vins, v.* *avez, v.* *prêté, p. p.*  
 slate ? --- Whom do you seek ? --- Who told  
*ardoise, f.* *cherchez, v.* *a dit, v.*  
 it to you ? --- From whom do you know it ? --- What<sup>1</sup>  
*savez, v.*  
 are<sup>2</sup> you<sup>3</sup> doing<sup>2</sup> ? --- What do you say ? --- What  
*faites, v.* *dites, v.*  
 do you ask of me ? --- Who is the man  
*demandez, v.* *est*  
 who can boast of being without defect ? ---  
*peut, v.* *se vanter, v.* *d'être, v.* *sans, p.* *défaut ?*  
 What is the name of your father ? --- What is his  
*nom, m.*  
 occupation ? --- What are his amusements ? --- What  
*occupation, f.* *sont, v.* *plaisir, m.*  
 is his business ? --- In what city does he<sup>2</sup> live<sup>1</sup> ? ---  
*sont, v.* *affaires, f. pl.* *ville, f.* *demeure, v.*  
 What is the country in which he was born ?  
*pays, m.* *a pris naissance.*

In the last instances it may easily be seen, that *quel*, or *quelle*, what, is always joined to some substantive with which it must agree in gender and number.

In order to avoid repetition, *lequel*, *laquelle*, which are elegantly used as substantives for *quel*, or *quelle*, and the substantive to which it is joined ; and then *lequel*, must always be followed by a genitive, either expressed or understood : ex.

<i>Une de mes sœurs est mariée,</i>	One of my sisters is married.
<i>Laquelle est-ce ? that is,</i>	<i>Which is it ? that is</i>
<i>laquelle de vos sœurs</i>	<i>which of your sisters</i>
<i>est-ce ?</i>	<i>is it ?</i>

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

One of your cousins is arrived from the  
*cousin, m. arrivé, p.p.*  
 continent ; which is it ? ---- An aunt of yours was  
*continent, m. étoit, v.*  
 ill last week ; which was  
*malade, adj. dernière, adj. semaine, f.*  
 it ? ---- I have heard that two horses of yours  
*ouï dire, v.*  
 were lost : tell me which. -- My brother  
*étoient, v. perdu, p.p. dites, v.*  
 wrote to me, that two of your sisters (are going)  
*écrivit, v. vont, v.*  
 to learn French : which are they ? ----  
*apprendre, v. François, m. sont, v.*  
 They (were speaking) of a relation of his, and  
*parloient, v. parent, m.*  
 of one of my friends ; which were they ?  
*amie, f.*

## OF PRONOUNS INDEFINITE.

These pronouns are called *indefinite* or *indeterminate*, because they generally are substituted for the name of a vague and indeterminate object. Among them some are used as nouns adjective, being always joined to a noun substantive ; others are sometimes used as pronouns without a substantive, and sometimes as adjectives with a substantive.

<i>Aucun, m. aucune, f.</i>	None, not any, any one.
<i>Autre,</i>	Other, any other.
<i>Autrui,</i>	Others, other people.
<i>Chacun, m. chacune, f.</i>	Each, every one, every body.
<i>Chaque,</i>	Every, each.
<i>L'un l'autre, sing. m.</i>	One another, each other.
<i>Les uns—les autres,</i>	{ Some—others. Some—some
<i>L'un et l'autre, sing. m.</i>	
<i>L'un ou l'autre, sing. m.</i>	Both.
<i>Ni l'un ni l'autre, sing. m.</i>	Either.
<i>Nul, m. nulle, f.</i>	Neither.
	No one.

*Pas un, m. pas une, f.*

*Personne,*

*La plupart de, des,*

*Plusieurs,*

*Quelconque,*

*Quelque,*

*Quelque chose,*

*Quelque—que,*

*Quel—que, sing. m.*

*Quelle—que, sing. f.*

*Quelque chose qui or que,*

*Quoi que,*

*Quoi que ce soit que,*

*Tout ce qui, or que,*

*Quelqu'un, m. quelqu'une, f.*

*Quiconque,*

*Qui que ce soit, or fût,*

*Quoi que ce soit, or fût,*

*Rien,*

*Tel, telle, tels, telles,*

*Tel qui, tels qui, }*

*Telle qui, telles qui, }*

*Tout,*

*Tout le monde,*

*Tout—que,*

Not one.

Nobody, none, no one, any one, any body.

Most.

Many, several.

Whatever, whatsoever.

Some, any.

Something, any thing.

Whosoever, whatsoever,

whatever, however,

howsoever, though, &c.

Whatever, whatsoever.

Some, some one, some body, any body.

Whatever, whatsoever.

Whoever, nobody in the world, nobody at all, any body whatever, no man living, let him be who he will, or be who he may, &c.

Whatever, nothing in the world, nothing whatever.

Nothing, any thing.

Such a one, such.

Such as he, she, they, who, that, &c.

Every, every thing.

Every body, any body.

As—as, for all, although, however, &c.

#### OBSERVATIONS on some of the above PRONOUNS.

*Aucun, aucune,* is never used but in the singular, and always requires *ne* before the verb ; it relates to a person or thing mentioned before ; but in interrogative sentences, and when it expresses a doubt, it is used without a negation : ex.

Aucun ne s'est encore avisé de vous contredire,      None has yet thought of contradicting you.  
 Y a-t il aucun (ou aucune) de vous qui le souffrît ?      Is there any of you who would suffer it ?

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

None of the books which you saw me  
 buying,      pleases me. --- Of all the apples  
*acheter, v.*      *plait, v.*      *pomme, f.*  
 which you gave me, none is yet  
                          *avez, v. données. p. p.*      *encore, adv.*  
 fit to eat. --- Is there any of you who  
*bon, adj. à, p.* *manger, v.* *Y a-t-il,*  
 applies to study as much as he can ? --- Among  
*s'applique, v.* *étude, f.*      *le peut, v.*  
 all the ladies you know, is there any one who  
                  *dame, f.*      *connoissez, v.*  
 would have married him ? -- Phillip is cer-  
*eût voulu, p. p.*      *épouser, v.*      *Philippe*      *cer-*  
 ainly a very wicked man, for none  
*tainement, adv.*      *méchant, adj.*      *car, c.*  
 of his friends speak well of him. --- Do you  
                  *parle, v.*  
 know any news ?      No, sir,      I know  
*savez, v.* *nouvelle*      *monsieur,*      *sais, v.*  
 none. -- I was in trouble, and none of  
                  *étois, v.* *dans, p.*      *embarras, m.*  
 my friends have relieved me.  
                  *a, v.* *secouru, p. p.*

*Nul, pas, un,* are always accompanied by a negation, and can only be used as a nominative to the verb: *Personne* is likewise attended with a negation, except in sentences of doubt, admiration, or interrogation: ex.

*Nul ne peut se flatter d'être agréable à Dieu,*      No one can flatter himself to be agreeable to God.  
*Pas un ne le croit,*      Not one believes it.  
*Personne s'est-il jamais ex-*      Did ever any body express  
   *primé avec plus de grâce*      himself with more grace  
   *que Sheridan ?*      than Sheridan ?

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

No one in this world is free from  
*en, p. monde, m. exempt, adj.*  
 fault. - - - No one can pretend to be per-  
*défaut, m. prétendre, v. être, v. par-*  
 fectly happy in this land of mi-  
*faitement, adv. dans, p. terre, f.*  
 sery. - - All the sailors perished at sea ;  
*matelot, m. ont, v. péri, p. p. sur, p. mer*  
 not one escaped. - - - The soldiers are all re-  
*a échappé, p. p. soldat, m. re-*  
 turned ; not one has remained behind. - - -  
*venu, p. p. est, v. resté, p. p. derrière, adv.*  
 Nobody can boast of being without im-  
*se, pro. vanter, v. être, v. sans, p.*  
 perfections. - - As nobody speaks to you,  
*Comme, adv. parle, v.*  
 you ought not to speak to any body. - - Did  
*derez, v. & parler, v. A-t-il*  
 ever any body know in what happiness  
*jamais connu, p. p. en, p. bonheur, m*  
 consists ?  
*consiste, v.*

*Autre* refers to persons and things, and is an adjective that precedes its substantive, unless used as a noun ; but *autrui* refers to persons only, and is invariable, and can only be used in the genitive or dative case : ex.

*Cette plume n'est pas bonne, This pen is not good, give*  
*donnez-lui en une autre, him another.*  
*Ne prenez pas le bien d'au- Do not take other people's*  
*trui, goods.*

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Your brother has lost his books ; shall I  
*perdu, p. p. &*  
 give him others ? - - - As you broke my  
*donnerai, v. avez cassé, p. p.*  
 penknife, you will give me another. - - Other peo-  
*canif, m. donnerez, v.*  
 ple's opinions are not the rule of mine. - - -  
*sentiment, m. règle, f.*

plural if it come after it ; but in both cases the verb must be preceded by the negation *ne* : ex.

L'un et l'autre *ont raison*, Both are in the right.  
 Ni l'un ni l'autre *ne répond*, Neither of them answer.  
 or *ils ne répondent ni*  
 l'un ni l'autre.

When the preposition relates to *both*, it must be placed before *l'un* and *l'autre*, and repeated ; and *both* is not expressed in French, when it precedes two nouns or pronouns united by the conjunction *and* : ex.

*Il reçoit de l'argent de l'un* He receives money from  
*et de l'autre,* both.  
*Son frère et sa sœur sont* Both his brother and sister  
*morts,* are dead.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Both serve to the same purpose. --- I  
*servent, v.* *même, adj.* *usage, m.*  
 called on your cousins, and I heard  
*ai passé, p.p.* *chez* *cousine, f.* *ai appris, p.p.*  
 that both had been married a week be-  
*que* *avoient, v.* *marié, p.p.* *semaine, f.* au-  
 fore. --- Honor your father and mother,  
*paravant, adv.* *Respectez, v.*  
 and endeavour to please both. --- Do you speak  
*tâchez, v.* *de plaire, v.* à *ou* *parlez, v.*  
 of my brother or sister ? I speak of both. - Apples  
*parle, v.* *Pomme, f.*  
 and pears are good fruits, but peaches are pre-  
*poire, f.* *pêche, f.* *pré-*  
 ferable to both. - I wrote to both, but neither of  
*férable, adj.* *ai écrit, v.* *ou*  
 them answered my letters. - Yesterday I expected  
*ou* *a répondu, p.p.* à *attendois, v.*  
 my two best friends, but neither of them came. - I  
*ou* *ou* *vint, v.*  
 will give it to neither of them. --- Both religion  
*donnerai, v.* *ou* *ou*  
 and virtue are the bonds of civil society.  
*lien, m.*



*Quelque—que.* *Quelque* immediately joined to a noun followed by *que*, expresses an indeterminate quality or quantity ; it is declinable before a substantive, and indeclinable before an adjective, and requires the verb to be put in the subjunctive mood : ex.

*Quelques fautes que vous ayez faites, on vous pardonnera,* *Whatever faults you may have committed, they will forgive you.*

*Quelque grandes que soient vos fautes, on vous pardonnera,* *However great your faults be, they will forgive you.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Whatever efforts people make to hide  
*effort, m. on, pro. fasse, v. pour, p. voiler, v.*  
 truth, it (is discovered) sooner or later. - - What-  
*se découvre, v. tôt, adv. tard, adv.*

ever services you (may have) done to your  
*service, m. ayez, v. rendus, p. p.*

country, it will reward you for them. - - - What-  
*patrie, f. récompensera, v. \**

ever capacity a man may have, he ought not to  
*puisse, v. doit, v. se*

boast. - - However equitable your<sup>2</sup> offers<sup>3</sup> be<sup>1</sup>,  
*vanter, v. offre, f. soient, v.*

I do not believe they will be accepted. - - <sup>1</sup>Though<sup>3</sup>  
*crois, v. soient, v. acceptée, p. p.*

kings<sup>5</sup> be<sup>4</sup> (ever so) powerful,<sup>2</sup> they die  
*soient, v. puissant, adj. meurent, v.*

as well as the meanest of their subjects. - - However  
*bas, adj. sujet, m.*

learned those ladies may be, they sometimes<sup>2</sup>  
*savant, adj. quelquefois, adv.*

mistake<sup>1</sup>.

*se, pro. trompent, v.*

*Quel que, quelle que* must be thus divided, when it is immediately followed by a verb or a personal pronoun, and agree in gender and number with the noun to which it relates ; it likewise requires the verb to be put in the subjunctive mood : ex.

\* See the Rule, page 102.

Quelle que soit votre faute, Whatever your fault may  
on vous pardonnera, be, they will forgive you.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Whatever the enemy be, whose malice<sup>3</sup> you<sup>1</sup>  
ennemi, m. malice, f.  
dread,<sup>2</sup> you ought to rely on your  
appréhendez, v. devez, v. vous reposer, v. sur, p.  
innocence. - - - Laws condemn all criminals,  
condamnent, v. criminel, m.  
whoever they may be. - - Whatever your inten-  
puissent, v. inten-  
tions (may be,) I think that you (are in the wrong.)  
tion, f. soient avez tort  
Whatever the reasons be which you (may allege,)  
raison, f. alléguiez, v.  
they are not sufficient. - - - Whatever these books  
suffisant, adj. livre, m.  
be, send them to me. - - - Whatever her fortune be,  
fortune, f.  
he says he 'never<sup>4</sup> (will marry<sup>3</sup>) her<sup>2</sup>.  
dit, v. épousera, v.

Quelque chose qui, or que, quoi que, quoi que ce soit que,  
tout ce qui, or que always relate to things, and never to per-  
sons ; with this difference, that, in French, we generally  
begin with either quelque chose que or qui, quoi que, or quoi  
que ce soit que, with the following verb in the subjunctive  
mood : ex.

Quelque chose qu'on vous Whatever may be said to  
dise, ne le croyez pas, you, do not believe it.  
Quoi que ce soit qu'on vous Whatever they may say to  
dise, ne le croyez pas, you, do not believe it.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Whatever may happen to you in this world,  
puisse, v. arriver, v. monde, m.  
'never<sup>3</sup> murmur<sup>2</sup> against Divine Providence, for  
murmurez, v. contre, p. car, c.  
whatever we may suffer, we deserve it. - - What-  
souffrons, v. méritons, v.  
ever I (may do,) you always blame me. - - - Who is  
fasse, v. blâmez, v.

the man who has stolen his money ? I know not ;  
*volé*,p.p. *sais*,v.  
 but whoever he (may be,) and whatever he may say,  
*soit*, *dise*,v.  
 if my father catch him, he shall be punished. - - -  
*attrappe*,v. *puni*,p.p.  
 In whatever your master employs you do it  
*à* *emploi*e,v. *faites*,v.  
 heartily. - - - - - Whatever you may say, your  
*de bon cœur*,adv. *disiez*,v.  
 brothers shall be punished, if they deserve it.  
*seront*,v. \* *méritent*,v.

On the contrary, we always make use of *tout ce qui*, or  
*que*, when *whatever* can be turned into *all that which*, or  
*every thing which* ; and may be placed either at the begin-  
 ning or in the middle of a sentence, according to its situa-  
 tion in English, with the following verb in the indicative  
 mood : ex.

*Il fera toujours, tout ce qu'il* He will always do *what-*  
*vous plaira,* *ever, or every thing, you*  
 please.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

In whatever you do, be guided by ho-  
*faites*,v. *guidé*,p.p. hon-  
 nesty and probity ; and in whatever you say,  
*néteté*,f. *dites*,v.  
 never deviate from the path of truth. - -  
*vous écarterez*,v. *sentier*,m.

Whatever is pleasing is not always useful. - -  
*agréable*,adj. *utile*,adj.

Tell me whatever you think of me, and I will  
*Dites*,v. *pensez*,v. *di-*  
 tell you whatever I think of you. - - - Never speak  
*rai*,v.

of whatever has passed between us both. - - She is  
*s'est passé* *entre*,p. *deux*.

so curious, that she will know whatever I  
*curieux*,adj. *veut*,v. *savoir*,v.

do. - - - Whatever glitters is not gold. - - - I will pay  
*fais*,v. *luit*,v. *or* *payerai*,v.

you to-morrow whatever I owe you.  
*dois*,v.

\* *Si* loses the *i* before *il*, he : *ils*, they.

*Quelque* always expresses an indeterminate signification, and is generally joined to a substantive with which it agrees in number ; and *quelqu'un*, *quelqu'une*, make *quelques-uns*, *quelques-unes*, in the plural : ex.

<i>Quelque homme,</i>	<i>Some man.</i>
<i>Quelque femme,</i>	<i>Some woman.</i>
<i>Quelqu'un m'a dit,</i>	<i>Some one has told me, &amp;c.</i>

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

When he comes to see us, he has  
*Quand,adv. vient,v. & voir,v.*  
 always some tale to tell us. -- He promised  
*conte,m. à faire,v. a promis,p.p.*  
 to bring me some filberts and chesnuts. -- Have  
*de aveline châtaigne.*  
 you heard any news ? -- Somebody knocks  
*appris,p.p. nouvelle ? frappe,v.*  
 at the door ; go and open it. -- Is there  
*allez,v. & ouvrir,v. Y a-t-il*  
 any of these ladies who has found my colour-box ?  
*dame,f. ait,v.trouvé couleur.*  
 - Have you any (raspberry trees) in your garden ? I  
*framboisier,m.*  
 have some. -- Has he any vines ? Yes, he has some.  
*A-t-il, vigne,f. Oui,adv.*

*Qui que ce soit*, speaking of persons only, may be Englished different ways ; but when by *whoever*, *what person soever*, it must always be followed by the pronouns *il*, *elle*, or *qui*, and sometimes by both, unless it be governed by a verb or preposition : ex.

<i>Qui que ce soit qui me</i>	<i>Whoever deceives me,</i>
<i>trompe, il sera puni,</i>	<i>shall be punished.</i>

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Whoever despises the poor, is himself des-  
*méprise,v. lui-même me-*  
 picable. -- Whoever speaks to you, do not answer. --  
*prisable,adj. parle & répondez,v.*  
 Whoever (may presume to) ask you any question  
*osera,v. question*

concerning that affair, pretend not<sup>2</sup> to<sup>1</sup> know<sup>5</sup> (any<sup>4</sup>  
*touchant*,p. *feignez*,v. *de*,p. *savoir*,v.  
 thing) (about it<sup>3</sup>). - - Of whomsoever you speak,  
*parliez*,v.  
 always speak the truth. - - - To whomsoever you  
*dites*,v. *vous*  
 apply, every body (will tell) you the  
*vous adressiez*,v. *tout le monde*,m. *dira*,v.  
 same thing. - - - With whomsoever you be,  
*chose*,f. *Avec*,p. *soyez*,v.  
 always<sup>3</sup> behave<sup>1</sup> well<sup>3</sup>.  
*comportez-vous*,v.

When the above pronoun is Englished by *nobody* in  
 the world, *no man* living, &c. ; it must be attended with  
 the negation *ne* before the verb ; and when speaking in  
 the past tense, *qui que ce fût* must be used : ex.

*Je n'en parle à qui que ce soit,* I mention it to *no man*  
*living, to no one.*  
*César ne rouloit se fier à qui que ce fût,* Cæsar would trust to *no-*  
*body whatever.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Charity bids us to (speak ill) of nobody what-  
*ordonne*,v. *de*,p. *médire*,v.  
 ever, and to do harm to no man living. - - - I  
*de*,p. *faire*,v. *du mal*,m.  
 spoke to nobody whatever ; for I saw neither  
*ai parle*,p.p. *ai vu*,p.p.  
 father, mother, nor children. - - Never speak to any  
*parlez*,v.  
 body whatever of what I told you. - - He acquainted  
*ai dit* *fit part à*  
 nobody in the world with his projects. - - - My brother  
*de* *projet*,m.  
 was so honest that he mistrusted nobody at all. - - -  
*étout*,v. *se métoit de*  
 Cromwell would trust his life to nobody whatever.  
*volut*,v. *confier*,v. *vie*,f.

The above observation is to be made with respect to  
*quoi que ce soit, quoi que ce fût* only used in speaking of in-  
 animate objects. *Quiconque* is indeclinable, always used  
 in the singular, and said only of persons : ex.

*Je ne me plains de quoi que ce soit,*  
*Quiconque vous a dit cela* &c.  
 I do not complain of any thing whatever.  
 Whoever told you that, &c.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

My brother enjoys so<sup>2</sup> good<sup>3</sup> a<sup>1</sup> health<sup>4</sup>, that  
*jouit, v. de, p.* *si*  
 (for these) three years he never complained of  
*depuis, p.* *s'est plaint, p. p.*  
 any thing whatever. - - - - - He is so lazy that  
 he applies to nothing whatever. - - - - - You  
*s'applique, v.*  
 may go and take a walk in the garden,  
*pouvez, v. aller, v.* *ou vous promener, v.*  
 but do not touch any thing whatever. - - - Who-  
*touchez, v. à, p.*  
 ever believes every thing which (he is told) is  
*croit, v.* *on lui dit, v.*  
 often deceived. - - - - - He (is ordered) to stop  
*trompé, p. p.* *a ordre* *e'arrêter*  
 every one that shall go that way.  
*passera, v.* *par-là.*

It must be observed, that the numeral adjective *one*, used in English as a pronoun indefinite, and admitting of a plural termination, is not to be expressed in French, when it immediately follows an adjective of colour, or any other expressing the shape or size of the object which it implies; but the adjective must be put in the same number and gender as the substantive which is understood in English: ex.

*Quel habit achetez-vous ?* What coat shall you buy ?  
*un bleu ou un vert ?* a blue one or a green one?  
*J'ai trouvé deux nids d'oiseaux ; dans l'un il y* I have found two birds'  
*avoit des œufs, et des pe-* nests ; there were eggs  
*tits dans l'autre.* in one, and young ones  
 in the other.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

What kind of a hat will you have ? a black  
*espèce, f.* *ou* *ou* *un noir, adj.*

one, or a white one : a round one, or a  
*blanc,adj.* *ronde,adj.*  
 cocked one ? - - - My father has sold  
*retroussé,adj.* *rendu,p.p.*  
 one of his horses ; which is it ? the black one, or  
*un* *ce*  
 the grey one ? - - - Were there many flowers in  
*gris,adj.* *Y avoit-il*  
 his garden ? Yes, (there were) very fine ones,  
*il y en avoit très,adv. beau,adj.*  
 which my father had sent him from Hol-  
*envoyé,p.p.*  
 land. - - - (Here are) several pair of shoes ; which  
*Voici,adv. soulier,m.*  
 will you have ? the red ones, or the white  
*rouge,adj.*  
 ones ? I prefer the black ones.  
*préfère,v.*

**Tout—que.** *Tout*, preceding a noun immediately fol-  
 lowed by *que*, is indeclinable in the masculine and declin-  
 able in the feminine, before nouns beginning with a con-  
 sonant, and must be repeated before every noun in the  
 sentence : ex.

*Tout savant qu'il est il se trompe quelquefois,* As learned as he is, he  
 sometimes mistakes.  
*Toute savante qu'elle est, elle se trompe quelquefois,* For all she is learned, she  
 sometimes mistakes.  
*Observe well the above construction.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

For all my sister is ugly, she gets friends  
*laid,adj. se fait,v.*  
 every where. - - - As amiable as she is, she  
*par-tout,adv. aimable,adj.*  
 does not please me at all. - - - For all they are  
*plait,v. du tout,adv.*  
 rich, they give<sup>2</sup> 'nothing<sup>3</sup> to the poor. - - -  
*donnent,v. pauvre,adj.pl.*  
 Your mother, although, (or for all) she is young, appears  
*paraît,v.*  
 old. - - - As generous as he is, he has not given  
*âgé,adj. a,v. donné,p.p.*

me one farthing. - - His aunt, for all she is angry  
*liard*,m. *tante*,f. *fâché*,adj.  
 with him, will forgive him his faults, as great  
*contre*,p. *pardonna*,v. *lui* *faute*,f.  
 as they are. - - - As young, amiable, handsome,  
*beau*,adj.  
 and rich, as my friend's sisters are, they were  
*étaient*,v.  
 not yet married the last time I saw  
*encore*,adv. *marié*,p.p. *fois*,f. *vis*,v.  
 them.

N. B. This will be seen again among the conjunctions.

To the above pronouns may be added the three following expressions, which are generally used in an indefinite or indeterminate manner :

<i>Je ne sais qui,</i>	I know not who, whom.
<i>Je ne sais quoi,</i>	I know not what.
<i>Je ne sais quel, quelle, &amp;c.</i>	I know not which or what.

*Je ne sais qui* is only said of persons, and signifies a person we do not know. *Je ne sais quoi* is only said of things, and signifies an object which cannot precisely be named or defined ; *Je ne sais quel* is placed before substantives, both of persons and things ; lastly, we sometimes put *un* before *Je ne sais quoi*, and indifferently, *un* or *le* before *Je ne sais quoi* : ex.

<i>Je ne sais qui me parle,</i>	<i>I know not who</i> speaks to me.
<i>Il parle de je ne sais quoi,</i>	He speaks of <i>I know not what</i> .
<i>Je vis je ne sais quel homme,</i>	I saw <i>I know not what</i> man.
<i>Il parle d'un je ne sais qui,</i>	He speaks of <i>I know not whom</i> .
<i>J'ai lu une comédie intitulée, je ne sais quoi,</i>	I have read a play which has for its title, <i>I know not what</i> .

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

When I paid a visit to my friend, I addressed  
*rendis*,v. ∞ *m'adressai*,v.



myself to I know not whom. - - He (keeps company  
*fréquente, v.*  
 with) I know not whom, and that displeases her. - -  
*déplait, v. lui.*

Whilst she (was speaking) to him, she was  
*Pendant que, c. parloit, v. fut*  
 accosted by I know not whom. - - There is  
*abordé, p.p. par, p. Il y a, v.*

I know not what mean in that behaviour. - - -  
*de bas, adj. conduite, f.*

He complains of I know not what. - - - When I  
*se plaint, v.*

went in, I saw I know not what man, what wo-  
*entraî, v.*

man, what pictures, what figures. - - She speaks  
*portrait, m. figure, f.*

to I know not whom. - - - There is in that I  
*la-dedans, adv.*

know not what that pleases me.  
*plait, v.*

## RECAPITULATORY or promiscuous EXERCISES upon all the PRONOUNS.

*Review well your rules and examples before you write.*

I speak French. - - You speak English. - -  
*parle, v. parlez, v.*

We do not understand what they say to us. - -  
*comprenons, v. dissent, v.*

She speaks to you, and robs you (at the same)  
*parle, v. vole, v. en même*

time. - - We have not seen them. - - Your  
*temps, m. avons, v. rus, p.p.*

mother came to see me yesterday, and I  
*viul, v. voir, v. hier, adv. 1<sup>st</sup>*

(will go to) see her to-morrow. - - Is there any body  
*irai, v. demain, adv. Est-il*

that esteems her more than I do? - - Attention  
*estime, v.*

cares, credit, money, I have put<sup>2</sup> (every<sup>1</sup> thing)  
*soin, mis, p.p. tout*

in use. - - They are happy, but we are  
*en, p. usage. heureux, adj.*

not so. -- Every body thinks I am the mother of  
 \* *croit, v.*  
 that child ; I assure you I am not. --- Ladies,  
 \* *Mmes,*  
 are you the companions of Miss le Noir ? Yes  
*êtes, v. compagne, f.*  
 we are. --- My uncle gave me a sword, and  
 \* *a donné, p. p.*  
 I owe my life to it. --- Whatever (may be)  
*dois la soient, v.*  
 your troubles, you (ought to) write to me more  
*peine, f. devriez, v. écrire, v.*  
 frequently. --- I will lend you the book which she  
*souvent, adv. prêterai, v.*  
 has sent me. -- Believe me, he is very  
*envoyé, p. p. Croyez, v.*  
 ill. --- I shall be very glad to go  
*malade, adj. serai, v. aise, adj. de aller, v*  
 there with you ; for I have something to tell  
*avec, p. car, c. à dire, v.*  
 him. -- I love your sister, and I owe her res-  
*aime, v. res-*  
 pect. -- Give me my hat and cloak. ---  
*pect, m. chapeau, m. mantelet, m.*  
 I have dined with your father and mother. --  
*diné, p. p.*  
 They<sup>1</sup> often<sup>t</sup> procure<sup>3</sup> me<sup>2</sup> that plea-  
*souvent, adv. procurent, v.*  
 sure. -- If it be not an indiscretion on my part,  
*ce est, v. f. de part, f.*  
 pray tell me what passed between you  
*de grâce, dites s'est passé, p. p. entre, p.*  
 and them. -- They have sent you good apples.  
*pomme, f.*  
 Yes, there were some good ones and some bad  
*il y avoit, v. mauvais, adj.*  
 ones. -- Write to me ; do not write to her. ---  
*Ecrivez, v. ∞*  
 Carry some to your sister. -- I will do whatever  
*Portez, v. ferai, v.*  
 you please. --- The Thames is a very fine  
*voudrez, v. Tamise, f. beau, adj.*

river ; it divides London into two parts. - - -  
*rivière, f. divise, v. en, p. partie.*  
 London is the capital of England, as Paris is that  
*capitale, f.*  
 of France ; it is a fine city, but some of its streets  
*\* rue, f.*  
 are very inconvenient and narrow - - - Brest  
*incommode, adj. étroit, adj.*  
 is a fine sea-port, † in France, but its entrance  
*mer port, m. \* entrée, f.*  
 is difficult and dangerous. - - Brother, these  
*difficile, adj.*  
 books are mine, and not yours. - - Your  
*non pas, adv.*  
 exercise is better than mine, but it is not so  
*thème, m.*  
 well written as your sister's. - - Do you think of  
*écrit, p. p. ∞ pensez, v. à*  
 me ? Yes, I do. ‡ - - You do not know what vexes  
*pense, v. fâche, v.*  
 me. - - I will not accept of any of the  
*veux, v. accepter, v. ∞*  
 terms which they offer me. - - Whom ought  
*condition, f. offrent, v. devons, v.*  
 we to worship ? God, who is the father of  
*∞ adorer, v. Dieu,*  
 them that love him, and the protector of those  
*aiment, v.*  
 that fear him. - - Of all those who contend  
*craignent, v. disputent, v.*  
 against religion, some do it because it per-  
*contre, p. f. les uns font, v. parceque, c. em-*  
 plexes them ; others, because they wish to  
*barrasse, v. les autres veulent, v. ∞*  
 have the glory of perplexing its defenders. - -  
*embarrasser, v. défenseur, m.*  
 Those trees are well exposed to the sun,  
*arbre, m. exposé, p. p. soleil, m.*  
 nevertheless their fruits are not good. - - I believe  
*cependant, adv. crois, v.*  
 your uncle is arrived. - - His ability is not so  
*oncle, m. arrivé, p. p. habilité, f.*

\* See page 112. † See the rule, page 57. ‡ Look at page 105.

great as yours. - - - Two rivals are generally  
*grand*,adj. *rival*,m.  
 enemies of one another. - - - Sister, who gave you  
*a donné*,p.p.  
 that letter? Our uncle's servant. - - - What does  
*lettre*,f. *domestique*,m. *or*  
 he write to you? That his library is at our  
*écrit*,v. *bibliothèque*,f.  
 service; and I assure you that he has a very good  
*très*,adv.  
 one. - - - His letters please me so much, that I  
 \* *plaisent*,v.  
 wish to increase their number. - - Both my  
*veux*,v. *or augmenter*,v.  
 father and aunt are now at Rome: the former  
*à présent*  
 writes once a week, the latter writes  
*écrit*,v. *une fois*,v.  
 to me twice a year. - - - He that wants  
*deux fois* *manque*,v. *de*,p.  
 virtue, wants (all things). - - - That lady pleases  
*tout*. *dame*,f. *plait*,v.  
 you, for you<sup>1</sup> are<sup>3</sup> always<sup>4</sup> speaking<sup>3</sup> of her<sup>2</sup>. - - -  
*car*,c. *parlez*,v.  
 The beauty of the mind creates admira-  
*beauté*,f. *esprit*,m. *donne*,v.  
 tion; that of the soul gains esteem, and that  
*âme*,f. *donne*,v. *estime*,f.  
 of the body love. - - - Most friends are more  
*corps*,m. *amour*,m.  
 attached to our fortune, <sup>1</sup>than<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>they are  
*attaché*,p.p. *que ne*,c.  
 to our person. - - - Whoever is without virtue  
*sans*,p.  
 seldom<sup>2</sup> values<sup>3</sup> men; and whoever is  
*rarement*,adv. *estime*,v.  
 too good, values them (too much). - - - It  
*trop*,adv. *trop*,adv. *Ce*  
 is she who told me that this house is not  
*a dit*,p.p. *maison*,f.  
 yours - - You believe that Mrs. D. is in your interests,  
 † *croyez*,v. *intérêt*,m.

\* See the ex. p. 104.

† Look at pages 96 and 97.

and I believe nothing of it. - - - Ambition  
*crois, v. ne rien, adv.*  
 (tramples upon) wisdom, honor, probity, and on  
*foule aux pieds* *sur, p.*  
 their ruins; it lays the foundation of its great-  
*ruine, f. élève, v. fondement, m. gran-*  
 ness. - - - Whatever her intention (may be,) I do  
*deur, f. soit, v.* *sur*  
<sup>2</sup>not<sup>5</sup> love<sup>5</sup> her<sup>4</sup> the less<sup>7</sup> for it<sup>1</sup>. - - - I assure you that  
*aime, v.* *sur*  
 I have answered both her letter and her brother's. - - -  
 Nobody in the world has complained of your con-  
*s'est, v. plaint, p. p.*  
 duct. - - - When you read the history of the Roman  
*Quand, c. lirez, v. histoire, f. Romain, adj.*  
 emperors, you will find one (of them) whose name  
*empereur, m. trouverez, v.*  
 was Nero. - - - The study of geography is absolute-  
*Néron. géographie, f. absolu-*  
 ly necessary to him who has a taste for his-  
*ment, adv. du goût, m.*  
 tory. - - - He that sold us this clock did not  
*a vendu, p. p. pendule, f. a, v.*  
 cheat us. - - What do you think of it? - - -  
*drompés, p. p. pensez, v.*  
 Whoever cheats me shall repent (of it.) - - -  
*trompe, v. se repentira, v. en*  
 Every body thinks\* we shall have peace. - - - When I  
*croit, v. aurons, v. paix, f.*  
 went in the members of the assembly were  
*entraî, v. étoient, v.*  
 seated every one in his place. - - - I, who did not  
*assis, p. p. à* *sur*  
 know that they were reconciled, was much  
*savois, v. que, c. reconciliés, p. p. fus, v. fort, adv.*  
 surprised to see them together. - - - England owes  
*étonné de voir, v. ensemble, adv. doit, v.*  
 her riches to her naval strength, and the encourage-  
*forces, f. pl.*  
 ment she gives to her commerce. - - - We speak  
*donne, v. parlons, v.*

\*See the note at the bottom of page 115.

of what has happened to him. - - - Well ! if he  
*est, v. arrivé, p.p.* *Eh bien, int.*  
 spend other people's money, he does not spend  
*dépense, v.*  
 yours. - - - This illness is much hid ; nevertheless  
*maladie, f. fort cachée, p.p. cependant, adv.*  
 I know its origin and effects. - - - She who  
*connois, v.* \*  
 (was speaking) to you is not yet married.  
*parloit, v.* *encore, adv.*  
 Her father, mother, brothers, sisters, uncles,  
*oncle, m.*  
 and aunts ; in short, all her relations are dead,  
*tante, f. enfin, c.* *parent, m.*  
 and have left her a considerable fortune. - - -  
*ont, v. laissé, p.p.*  
 Those gentlemen have fine horses, but mine are  
*messieurs* *cheval, m.*  
 finer than theirs. - - Do you know any of  
*counoissez, v.*  
 those ladies ? Yes, I know some of them. - - -  
*connois, v.*  
 For all they are young and handsome, they have (a  
*ont, v.*  
 great deal) of modesty and virtue. - - - That German  
*Allemand*  
 nobleman is both poor and proud. - - - - Desire  
*gentilhomme* *orgueilleux, adj. Priez, v.*  
 him to bring them here. - - - Is that the gown  
*de amener, v.* *Est-ce robe, f.*  
 for which you gave five guineas ? - - - If I  
*pour, p.* *avez donné, p.p.*  
 had been in your place, I (would have)  
*eusse, v.* *été, p.p.* *à* *aurais, v.*  
 preferred the white one to the black one. - - - -  
*préféré, p.p.*  
 How many books are there in that library ? There  
*y a-t-il* *bibliothèque, f.*  
 are three thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven in  
 the library, fifty-two upon the table, and nineteen in my  
 room. - - - Whose house is this ? It belongs  
*appartient, v.*

to I know not whom. - - - There is I know not what  
*Il y a, v.*  
 in the colour, which pleases much. - - - To what  
*dans, p. plait, v.*  
 (does he apply himself) ? - - - This apple, and that he  
*s'applique-t-il, v. \**  
 gave you, are very good. - - - Give me either  
*donna, v. donnez, v.*  
 of them. - - - I will send you some thither. - - -  
*enverrai, v.*  
 I cannot sell it to you for so<sup>2</sup> small<sup>3</sup> a<sup>1</sup>  
*ne peux pas, v. vendre, v. pour, p.*  
 sum<sup>4</sup>. - - I prefer the beauty of the mind to that  
*somme, f. préfère, v.*  
 of the body. - - - Some like music and some dancing.  
*Les uns aiment, v. danse, f.*  
 - - She says she hates that man ; many think she  
*dit, v. haït, v. croient*  
 loves him. - - He whom nobody pleases, is more  
*aime, v. à plait, v.*  
 unhappy than he who pleases nobody. - - I  
*malheureux, adj. à*  
 was near your sister when that happened  
*étais, v. auprès de, p. quand, c. arriva, v.*  
 to her. - - Both his father and mother died  
*moururent, v.*  
 on the same day. - - - - - As covetous as he is, he  
*avare, adj.*  
 gave me a guinea. - - - There are many people  
*a donné, p. p. Il y a*  
 whom we esteem, because we do not know them. - -  
*parceque, c. connoissons*  
 Whatever has happened to you, I am very sorry  
*soit, v. arrivé, p. p. fâché, adj.*  
 for it. - - He would do it in spite of any  
*voulut, v. faire, v. en, p. dépit, m.*  
 body whatever. - - Learning is preferable to riches,  
*Science, f.*  
 and virtue to both. - - - Some philosophers have  
*philosophe, m. ont, v.*

\* See the Rule, page 122.

thought that the fixed stars were so many  
*cru*,p.p. *fixe*,adj. *étoile*,f. *étoient*,v. *autant*  
 suns. - - See with what care, attention, and per-  
*voyez*,v.  
 severance, every animal (rears up) its (young ones.)  
*élève*,v. *petit*,adj.  
 - - (Here are) two grammars, which do you pre-  
*Voici*,adv.  
 fer? I prefer this to that. - - - Both are very  
 good. - - - He believes nothing of what you  
*croit*,v. *ne rien*,adv.  
 told him. - - - You blame him who does  
*avez dit*,p.p. *blâmez*,v.  
 not deserve it. - - - Friend, to whom did you  
*mérite*,v. *avez*,v.  
 speak? I spoke to nobody; for I saw  
*parlé*,p.p. *ai parlé*,p.p. *car*,c. *ai vu*,p.p.  
 neither of them. - - Each country has its peculiar  
*particulier*,adj.  
 customs; in France, they\* eat with the fork, in England,  
*coutume*,f. *on*,pro.  
 we eat with the knife; in France, they eat the meat  
*on*,pro.  
 well done; in England, we eat it half raw.  
*cuite*,p.p. *à moitié crue*,adj.

#### SECT. IV.

#### OF VERBS AND THEIR DIFFERENT SORTS.

Verbs are usually divided into seven sorts, viz.

1. *Les verbes auxiliaires*, auxiliary.
2. *Les verbes actifs*, active.
3. *Les verbes passifs*, passive.
4. *Les verbes neutres*, neuter.
5. *Les verbes réfléchis*, reflective.
6. *Les verbes personnels*, personal.
7. *Les verbes impersonnels*, impersonal.

Some of them are *regular*, that is to say, they follow the general rule of the conjugation to which they belong; others do not, and are called *irregular*.

The *auxiliary verbs* are *avoir*, to have, and *être*, to be.

\* See page 95.



These two auxiliaries are used to conjugate all the compound tenses of the other verbs.

The *active verbs*.—In this class, the action is transitive, that is, it passes from the subject to the object : ex.

*Le maître punit les écoliers*    The master *punishes* the  
*paresseux,*                                *lazy scholars.*

The active verb sometimes governs two cases : one to which the action directly refers, or which is the direct object of the action, and is therefore called the *direct* or *absolute case* ; the other, to which the action refers but indirectly, and is called the *indirect* or *relative case* : ex.

*Votre sœur a écrit une*    Your sister *wrote* a long  
*longue lettre à mon frère,*    letter to *my brother.*

*A long letter* is the direct or absolute case, and *to my brother*, the indirect or relative case, of the verb *wrote*. The direct case can be no other but the *accusative* of a noun or pronoun ; but the indirect is either the *genitive*, *dative*, or *ablative*.

In the *passive verbs*, the action is received or suffered by the subject : ex.

*Les écoliers paresseux*    *Lazy scholars* shall be  
*seront punis,*                                *punished.*

In the *neuter verbs*, the action is intransitive, that is, it remains in the agent : ex.

*Je dors,*                    I sleep.            | *Vous voyagez,*    You travel.  
*Nous étudions,*    We study.        | *Elle soupire,*    She sighs.

In the *reflected verbs*, the action returns upon the agent that produces it : ex.

*Il se repent,*                                He repents *himself*.  
*Elle se loue,*                                She praises *herself*.

These verbs have always *se* before their infinitive, and are conjugated with a double pronoun.

The *personal verbs* are those which are conjugated with three persons, in the singular and plural, throughout all their tenses.

The *impersonal verbs* have *only* the third person of the singular number:

*N. B.* There is a kind of verbs which may be distin-

guished by the name of *reduplicative*, always expressing a repetition of the action : ex.

<i>Recommencer,</i>	To begin <i>again</i> .
<i>Refaire,</i>	To do <i>again</i> , &c.

In these verbs, the English word *again* is to be rendered in French by the syllable *re* prefixed to the radix of the verb, and not by *encore*.

All the above verbs may be *simple* or *compound*.

A verb is *simple* which cannot be divided without losing its meaning : as,

<i>Appeler,</i>	To call ;	<i>Voir,</i>	To see ;
<i>Bâtir,</i>	To build ;	<i>Prendre,</i>	To take ;
<i>Mentir,</i>	To lie ;	<i>Vivre,</i>	To live ;

which would mean nothing, if they were divided.

A verb is *compound* when it is preceded by one or more syllables : as,

<i>Rappeler,</i>	To recall.	<i>Prévoir,</i>	To foresee.
<i>Rebâtir,</i>	To rebuild.	<i>Entreprendre,</i>	To undertake.
<i>Démentir,</i>	To belie.	<i>Survivre,</i>	To outlive, &c.

These last verbs are generally formed by prefixing to them *part* or *the whole* of a preposition.

## CONJUGATION OF VERBS.

To conjugate verbs is to give them different inflections or terminations, according to their *moods*, *tenses*, *persons* and *numbers*.

### MOODS.

*Mood* or *mode*, in the sense it is taken here, is a grammatical term, which means the *manner* of affirming, or denoting, in the verbs, by different inflections.

There are, in the French language, four moods, absolutely distinct from each other, by the several inflections, or by some other difference. They are,

<i>L'infinitif,</i>	The infinitive.
<i>L'indicatif,</i>	The indicative.
<i>L'impératif,</i>	The imperative.
<i>Le subjonctif, ou</i> <i>conjonctif,</i>	The subjunctive, or con- junctive.

### Of the INFINITIVE MOOD.

This mood is so called, because it only expresses the action or signification of the verb in an *indefinite* and *indeterminate* manner, that is, without affirmation, and without any relation as to time, number or person : ex.

<i>Parler,</i>	To speak.
<i>Chanter,</i>	To sing.
<i>Danser,</i>	To dance.

### Of the INDICATIVE MOOD.

This mood is thus called, because it not only *indicates* the affirmation in the different tenses of the verbs, but likewise the time, number, and person ; without being preceded or governed by either a conjunction or verb :

<i>J'écris une lettre,</i>	I write a letter.
<i>Il chante une chanson,</i>	He sings a song.

*Ecris* and *chante* are two verbs in the indicative mood, because they do not require to be preceded by a conjunction\* or another verb to make a complete sense. The definition of this mood will be better understood by comparing the little that has been said with what is going to be said with respect to the subjunctive mood.

### Of the IMPERATIVE MOOD.

The name which has been given to this mood, is derived from a Latin word which signifies to *command* ; and the imperative is in fact but a manner of denoting in the verbs the action of *commanding, entreating, praying, exhorting,* and sometimes *forbidding* : ex.

<i>Ne méprisez, pas les avis</i>	<i>Do not despise the advice</i>
<i>que je vous donne,</i>	<i>which I give you.</i>

It is easy to perceive that this manner of speaking is but an exhortation ; as if I had said,

<i>Je vous exhorte, je vous prie</i>	<i>I exhort, I entreat you, not</i>
<i>de ne pas mépriser mes</i>	<i>to despise my advice.</i>
<i>avis,</i>	

This mood has no first person in the singular, because it is impossible for a man to command himself ; and if it

\*Among the conjunctions, some govern the indicative, others the subjunctive : this will be explained hereafter.

have the first person plural, it is because we speak as much to others as to ourselves ; as when we say,

*Evitons tout ce qui pourroit*      *Let us avoid every thing*  
*offenser les autres,*                      that might offend others.

The second person *singular* and the first and second *plural* admit of no pronouns before them ; as to the third, in both numbers, it is always preceded by the pronoun *il* or *elle*, &c. and the conjunction *que*.

### *Of the SUBJUNCTIVE, or CONJUNCTIVE.*

The name of subjunctive, or conjunctive, sufficiently conveys what its use is in a sentence. It may be defined thus ; a manner of expressing the different tenses of the verbs without any affirmation. In fact, the subjunctive never affirms ; it is always preceded by, or subject to some conjunction ; and if it should be met with in a sentence containing an affirmation, that affirmation can only be expressed by the verb that precedes the subjunctive, which is used only to modify that affirmation. In the subsequent sentence,

*Je travaille afin que vous*      *I work, that you may rest*  
*vous reposiez,*                      *yourself,*

the affirmation is only expressed by *je travaille*, I work, and what follows only expresses the end which I propose by working, viz. to procure you some rest. Again,

*Je désire que vous fassiez*      *I wish that you may do*  
*votre devoir,*                      *your duty ;*

I affirm that I wish ; but it is clear there is no affirmation in these words, *that you may do your duty*, since I do not say that you do, that you have done, that you will do your duty ; but only that I wish you may do it. My wish is not doubtful ; but it is very doubtful whether you will or may do your duty.

### TENSES.

There are, strictly speaking, but three natural and proper *tenses* in the verbs : viz

<i>Le passé,</i>	The past.
<i>Le présent,</i>	The present.
<i>Le futur,</i>	The future.

In the French language, the tenses are divided in the following manner, viz. *five* in the infinitive mood ; *three* of them are *simple*, the *two* others *compound*.

In the *simple* tenses, the verb is expressed in one word:  
ex.

<i>Parler,</i>	To speak.
<i>Chantant,</i>	Singing.
<i>Dansé,</i>	Danced.

The compound tenses are conjugated with some one of the auxiliary verbs, *avoir*, to have, or *être*, to be, joined to a participle passive : ex.

<i>Avois parlé,</i>	To have spoken.
<i>Ayant chanté,</i>	Having sung.
<i>Être aimé,</i>	To be loved.
<i>Etant aimé,</i>	Being loved.

## SIMPLE TENSES.

<i>Le présent,</i>	The present.
<i>Le participe actif,</i>	The participle active.
<i>Le participe passif,</i>	The participle passive.

## COMPOUND.

<i>Le prétérît,</i>	The preterite.
<i>Le participe passé ou composé,</i>	The participle past or compound.

There are ten tenses in the *indicative* mood, viz. *five* *simple*, and *five* *compound*: they are,

## SIMPLE.

<i>Le présent,</i>	The present.
<i>L'imparfait,</i>	The imperfect.
<i>Le prétérît,</i>	The preterite.
<i>Le futur,</i>	The future.
<i>Le conditionnel,</i>	The conditional.

## COMPOUND OF

<i>Le présent,</i>	The present.
<i>L'imparfait,</i>	The imperfect.
<i>Le prétérît,</i>	The preterite.
<i>Le futur,</i>	The future.
<i>Le conditionnel,</i>	The conditional.

*N. B.* The imperative admits of no tense but the present.

The *subjunctive* mood has four tenses ; *two* *simple*, and *two* *compound*.

## SIMPLE.

*Le présent,*  
*Le prétérít,*

The present.  
The preterite.

## COMPOUND OF

*Le présent,*  
*Le prétérít,*

The present.  
The preterite.

Before we proceed any further on the conjugations, it has been thought proper to explain the different uses of the above tenses, as one of the most important articles in a language, the precision of which partly depends on the difference which custom sets between one tense and another with regard to the sense of the sentence. We shall endeavour to be short and concise, and say nothing but what is useful, in hopes that the following explanation will be sufficient to remove a difficulty which constantly puzzles the learner.

## TENSES of the INDICATIVE MOOD.

## SIMPLE.

## PRESENT.

This tense is used when the state, action, or impression, mentioned by the verb, is *existing, doing, or happening*, at the very time we are speaking : ex.

<i>Je me porte bien,</i>	<i>I am well.</i>
<i>Votre sœur est malade,</i>	<i>Your sister is ill,</i>
<i>Nous nous promenons,</i>	<i>We are walking.</i>
<i>Vous écrivez,</i>	<i>You are writing.</i>
<i>Ils jouent,</i>	<i>They are playing, &amp;c.</i>

The present is also used,

1. When speaking of actions or things which we *habitually do, are accustomed to do, or can do* : ex.

<i>Nous dinons toujours à deux heures,</i>	<i>We always dine at two o'clock.</i>
<i>Elle étudie l'histoire,</i>	<i>She studies history.</i>
<i>Vous parlez François.</i>	<i>You speak French.</i>
<i>Lit-il l'Anglois,</i>	<i>Does he read English.</i>

2. When speaking of actions which are to be done in

a very short time, we generally use this tense instead of the future : ex.

*Je pars ce soir pour la campagne,* I set out this evening for the country.

*Que faites-vous demain ?* What do you do to-morrow?

Instead of

*Je partirai ce soir pour la campagne,* I shall set out this evening for the country.

*Que ferez-vous demain ?* What will you do to-morrow ?

3. This tense is also constantly used in French, instead of the preterite and compound of the *preterite*, especially in *orations*, or *set discourses*, and in *poetry*, in order to represent a past action or event as present to the mind of the hearers or readers.

#### IMPERFECT.

This tense has two uses ; *in the first*, which probably is the origin, of its name, it expresses an action *present* or *doing* at the time of an action *that is past* : as when I say,

*Mon frère apprenoit sa leçon quand vous arrivâtes,* My brother was learning his lesson when you arrived.

In the above sentence, the act of learning, though past with respect to my narration, was present at the moment your arrival took place ; therefore this tense is but imperfectly preterite and imperfectly present.

*In the second*, the imperfect is employed every time we speak of *actions of habit*, or *actions reiterated* at a time which is not *defined* : ex.

*Quand j'étois à Londres,* When I was in London, I  
*j'allois souvent voir mes amis,* often went to see my friends ;

that is, I often used to go, or I frequently went, &c.

The imperfect is likewise used when we speak of the *character*, or some *inherent* and *distinctive quality*, of persons or things no longer existing ; and after the English conjunction *if*, though the verb be preceded by *should*, *could* *would* : ex.

*Philippe, père d'Alexandre le Grand, étoit le plus fin politique de son temps,*

*César avoit je ne sais quoi de grand dans la physiognomie,*

*Carthage faisoit un prodigieux commerce par le moyen de ses vaisseaux, qui alloient jusqu'aux Indes,*

*Palmire et Persépolis étoient de grandes et belles villes, S'il venoit, je le paierois,*

*George II. étoit d'une taille plutôt petite que moyenne ; il avoit les yeux très-saillans, le nez grand, et une belle complexion ; il étoit doux, modéré et humain ; sobre et régulier dans sa manière de vivre : il se plaisoit dans la pompe et dans l'appareil militaire, et étoit naturellement brave ; il aimoit la guerre comme soldat, l'étudioit comme une science, et avoit sur ce sujet, une correspondance établie avec quelques-uns des plus grands généraux que l'Allemagne ait produits,*

*Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, was the deepest politician of his time.*

*Cæsar had I know not what of great in his physiognomy.*

*Carthage carried on a prodigious trade by the means of her ships, which went as far as the Indies.*

*Palmyra and Persepolis were large and fine cities. If he would come, or came, I would pay him.*

*George II. was in his person rather lower than the middle size ; he had remarkable prominent eyes, a high nose, and a fair complexion ; he was mild, moderate and humane ; in his way of living, sober and regular : he delighted in military pomp and parade, and was naturally brave : he loved war as a soldier, studied it as a science, and had, on this account, a settled correspondence with some of the greatest generals that Germany has produced.*

From the above instances it might confidently be believed, that every difficulty attending the use of this tense will be entirely removed : I shall however add, as a farther illustration, that whenever the verb, which in English is in the preterite, can be rendered by the past



tense of the verb *to be*, and that preterite changed into the participle active, or when that preterite can be turned into the verb in the infinitive mood preceded by *I, thou, he, &c. used to*, that past tense must be made in French by the imperfect : ex.

*Je lisois,* I used to read ; or I was reading.

#### PRETERITE.

This tense is so called because it always expresses an action done at a time *determined or specified* by an adverb, or some circumstance in the speech, and so entirely elapsed, that nothing more remains of the time when that action was doing : ex.

*Je fus malade hier pendant deux heures,* I was ill yesterday for two hours.

*La dernière fois que nous allâmes le voir, nous eûmes un accueil favorable,* The last time we went to see him, we had a kind reception.

*Tous écrivîtes à votre frère il y a huit jours,* You wrote to your brother eight days ago.

*Ils essuyèrent de grandes pertes l'année, passée,* They underwent great losses last year.

#### FUTURE.

This tense simply expresses that an action will be done at a time that is not yet come : ex.

*Je vous verrai demain à Londres,* I shall see you to-morrow in London.

*Mon frère vous écrira la semaine prochaine,* My brother will write to you next week.

In French, as well as in English, we sometimes express an action that is to be done instantly, by the verb *aller*, or *s'en aller*, to go, immediately followed by an infinitive : ex.

*Je vais, or je m'en vais écrire à ma tante,* I am going to write to my aunt.

*Je vais, or je m'en vais partir,* I am going to set out.

Which signify,

*Je lui, écrirai tout présentement,* I will write to her immediately.

*Je partirai dans l'instant,* I will set out instantly.

To express an uncertainty in a future tense, that is, to express that it is not decided that such a thing will be

done, we make use of the verb *devoir*, immediately followed by a verb in the infinitive mood ; and that is the only instance wherein *devoir* does not imply *obligation*, *necessity*, &c. : ex.

*Le roi doit partir pour  
Cheltenham vers le mi-  
lieu du mois de Juillet,  
et ne doit revenir qu'à  
la fin d'août,*  
that is,

The king is to set out for  
Cheltenham about the  
middle of July, and is  
not to return till the lat-  
ter end of August.

*On suppose que le roi par-  
tira, &c. et qu'il ne re-  
viendra qu'à, &c.*

It is supposed that the king  
will set out, &c. and will  
not return till, &c.

#### CONDITIONAL.

The name of this tense is the true definition of it : in fact, it is always used to express some condition or *supposition*, and has always a reference to the *present*, because, by supposing the condition effected, the action, mentioned by the conditional, becomes present : ex.

*Je lirois, si j'avois des  
livres,*

I should read, if I had  
books.

*Vous auriez la fièvre si  
vous mangiez de ce  
fruit,*

You would have a fever if  
you ate of that fruit.

*Je serois mortifié, s'il per-  
doit son procès,*

I should be mortified, if he  
should lose his law-suit.

It is sometimes used, instead of the future, after the conjunction *que* : ex.

*Il a promis qu'il vien-  
droit,*

He has promised to come,  
or that he would come.

This tense is often called the *uncertain tense*, because it expresses an action made uncertain by the conditional that follows it ; and some grammarians place it among the tenses of the subjunctive mood, though it is very certain that it never is governed by any of the conjunctions which require a subjunctive mood after them.

#### COMPOUND TENSES.

##### COMPOUND OF THE PRESENT.

The compound of the present is employed in two different manners.

1. It expresses an action past in an indeterminate time, but not very far distant from the time we speak : thus we must say,

<i>J'ai vu mademoiselle votre</i>	<i>I have seen your sister, and</i>
<i>sœur et lui ai parlé,</i>	<i>spoken to her.</i>
<i>Le roi de Prusse a conquis</i>	<i>The king of Prussia has</i>
<i>la Silésie,</i>	<i>conquered Silesia.</i>
<i>Cela s'est passé avanta-</i>	<i>That has passed advanta-</i>
<i>geusement pour votre cousin,</i>	<i>geously for your cousin.</i>

In the above sentence, the action is certainly past, but the time when it passed is neither determined nor specified

2. It expresses a time definite and determinate, but of which there yet remains some part to elapse : ex.

<i>Les fruits ont très-bien</i>	<i>Fruits have very well suc-</i>
<i>réussi, cette année,</i>	<i>ceeded this year.</i>
<i>Nous n'avons pas eu beau-</i>	<i>We have not had much snow</i>
<i>coup de neige cet hiver,</i>	<i>this winter.</i>
<i>Il a plu toute cette semaine,</i>	<i>It has rained all this week,</i>
<i>tout ce mois,</i>	<i>all this month.</i>
<i>Nous avons vu d'étranges</i>	<i>We have seen strange things</i>
<i>choses dans ce siècle,</i>	<i>in this century.</i>

In the above sentences, *this year, this week, this winter, &c.* are times which still last, and are not yet elapsed.

To express an action recently past, we sometimes make use of the verb *venir*, immediately followed by *de*, and the verb in the infinitive mood: ex.

<i>Je viens de le voir passer,</i>	<i>I have just seen him go by.</i>
<i>Le roi vient d'arriver,</i>	<i>The king is but just arrived.</i>
<i>Elle vient d'expirer,</i>	<i>She is but just dead.</i>

The same tense may be expressed by the verb *faire*, preceded by the negation *ne*, and followed by the conjunction *que*, with an infinitive preceded by *de*: ex.

<i>Il ne fait que d'arriver,</i>	<i>He is but just arrived.</i>
<i>Je ne fais que de sortir,</i>	<i>I have but just gone out.</i>

N. B. This particle *de* is here indispensable, because, without it, the expression would have quite another sense, and would express a continuation or a frequent reiteration of the action : ex.

*Vous ne faites que sortir,* You do nothing but go out.  
*Elle ne fait que jouer et danser,* She does nothing but play and dance.

#### COMPOUND OF THE IMPERFECT.

This tense expresses an action passed before another which is past also ; but with this difference, that the action expressed by this tense is the principal object of the person who speaks, and the following sentence is subordinate to that expressed by the compound of the imperfect. So that, though the time of that subordinate sentence be defined, that of the principal sentence is not the less indeterminate, because the former has no influence on the latter. As when we say,

*Nous avions dîné lorsqu'il arriva,* We had dined, when he arrived,

our principal object is to express the action of dining as past, without determining at what time, but only before an action which is past also, without, however, the latter being a consequence of the former ; for, we do not mean to say, that he stayed, or waited, till we had dined, to arrive.

#### COMPOUND OF THE PRETERITE.

This tense also expresses an action past or done before another which is likewise past ; and it is determined by the following sentence, which is the principal object of the attention. Thus when we say,

*Quand ils eurent achevé de jouer, ils se mirent à chanter,* When they had done playing, they began singing.

We mean at first to convey that they began singing, and that it was not till they had done playing : in which case, the action of having done playing, is subordinate to this, they began singing, and consequently the latter determines the time of the other.

The following observation is very plain, and will in some manner fix the use of the above tense, viz. that it is hardly ever used except after the conjunctions.

<i>Aussitôt que,</i>	} As soon as ;	<i>Après que,</i>	} After ;	
<i>D'abord que,</i>		<i>Lorsque,</i>		} When ;
<i>Dès que,</i>		<i>Quand,</i>		

which *never* precede a compound of the imperfect, unless the verb express a *custom* or *habit*.

Lastly, we must use the compound of the preterite when the adverb *bientôt*, soon, precedes or follows the verb *was* or *had*, to express an action or thing as done and accomplished : ex.

*L'affaire fut bientôt faite,*      *The business was soon over.*  
*J'eus bientôt fini de man-*      *I had soon done eating.*  
*ger,*

### COMPOUND *of the* FUTURE.

The name of this tense seems at first to convey a contradiction : what is meant by it is, not that an action can be future and past at the same time, but only that the action, which is to come, will be past when another action shall happen, or even before it happens : ex.

<i>Je serai parti quand vous</i>	<i>I shall be gone when you</i>
<i>reviendrez,</i>	<i>(shall) come back.</i>
<i>Quand vous aurez fini vos</i>	<i>When you (shall) have done</i>
<i>affaires, vous viendrez me</i>	<i>your business, you shall</i>
<i>trouver,</i>	<i>come to find me.</i>

In the first sentence, *I shall be gone*, which is a future time with respect to the present we speak in, will be a past time by the time you *will* or *purpose* to arrive, &c.

### COMPOUND *of the* CONDITIONAL.

This tense generally supposes a condition, as the conditional present, with this difference, that the condition taking place, the action expressed by the verb in the conditional is accomplished, and consequently in a past time : ex.

*Je vous aurois écrit il y a un mois, si j'eusse su votre adresse,*      *I would have written to you a month ago, if I had known your direction.*

The *indicative* mood has another tense, formed by the compound of the present of the verb *avoir*, joined to a participle passive, which has not been inserted in the preceding tenses, on account of its being seldom used : ex.

*Quand j'ai eu dîné, je suis parti,*      When I (have) had dined,  
I set out.

But it is more elegant and natural to say,  
*Après avoir dîné, je suis parti,*      After I had dined, I set  
out.

### TENSES of the SUBJUNCTIVE or CONJUNCTIVE MOOD.

The subjunctive or conjunctive has no future distinguished from the *present*, because the present of the subjunctive likewise expresses a future tense : ex.

*Je ne crois pas qu'il vienne,*      I do not think he *will* come.

Add the following observations to the latter :

1. When the verb which precedes the conjunction is in the present or future of the indicative, and when we do not mean to express an action passed in the second verb, we must put this last verb in the present of the subjunctive mood : ex.

*Je souhaite que vous réussissiez dans votre entreprise,*      I wish you may succeed in  
your undertaking.

*J'attendrai qu'il vienne,*      I will wait till he come.

2. When the verb which is before the conjunction is in some of the past tenses, or conditional, and we wish not to designate by the second verb a past time more distant than that of the first verb, we must put this second verb in the preterite of the subjunctive :

*Alexandre ordonna que tous ses sujets l'adorassent comme un dieu,*      Alexander ordered, that all  
his subjects should worship him like a god.

*Je voulois que vous écrivissiez à votre sœur,*      I wished you to write to  
your sister.

*Il souhaiteroit que vous prissiez des mesures plus convenables,*      He would wish you to take  
more becoming measures.

3. The compound of the present of the subjunctive mood is used when we speak of an action past and accomplished with regard to the tense of the verb which precedes the conjunction ; and this tense is generally the present, compound of the present, or future of the indicative : ex.

*Je doute qu'aucun philosophe ait jamais bien connu l'union de l'âme avec le corps,*

*Il a fallu que j'aie consulté tous les médecins,*

*Je n'aurai garde d'y aller, que je n'aie reçu quel que assurance, d'être bien accueilli,*

*I doubt whether any philosopher have ever well understood the union of the soul with the body.*

*I was obliged to consult all the physicians.*

*I shall by no means go thither, till I have received some assurance of being welcome.*

4. After the imperfect, preterite, compound of the imperfect, of the indicative, or one of the two conditionals, we use the compound of the preterite of the subjunctive mood ; likewise after the conjunction *if*, when preceding a compound tense : ex.

*J'ignoreis que vous eussiez embrassé cette profession là,*

*Vous n'avez pas cru que je fusse arrivée avant vous,*

*Nous aurions été fâchés que vous vous fussiez adressé à d'autres qu'à nous,*

*I did not know you had embraced that profession.*

*You did not believe I should have arrived before you.*

*We should have been sorry if you had applied to any others but us.*

## NUMBERS AND PERSONS.

A tense is composed of numbers ; that is, the singular and the plural.

That there are three persons has already been observed under the personal pronouns ; we have only to remark, that some of these three persons are always joined to the verb as its nominative case, therefore the verb must agree with that nominative in number and person : ex.

*Je fais, I do.*

*Tu fais, Thou dost.*

*Il fait, He does.*

*Nous faisons, We do.*

*Vous faites, You or ye do.*

*Ils font, They do.*

The pronoun *vous*, you, denotes the second person singular and plural, with this difference, that when we speak to a person only, the attribute, or qualifying noun must be put in the singular : ex.

*Vous êtes marié, and not mariés,*      You are married.

*Vous étiez général de l'armée, and not généraux,*      You were general of the army.

But we must say *mariés* and *généraux*, if we speak to many.

When the verb has two or three nouns or pronouns as its nominatives, it must be put in the plural, though all these nominatives be in the singular ; because two or more nouns in the singular are equivalent to a plural, with regard to verbs as well as to adjectives and participles passive : ex.

*Mon frère et ma sœur sont partis,*      My brother and sister are gone.

This has already been mentioned in the adjectives.

If, among these nominatives, one is of the first person and the other of the second, or one is of the second and the other of the third, the verb must agree with the first in preference to the second, and with the second in preference to the third ; observing that, in French, the person spoken to, must be named first ; and the person speaking, is to be mentioned the last : we must therefore say,

*C'est vous et moi qui avons découvert tout ce complot,*      It is you and I who have discovered all that plot.

*Ce n'est ni vous, ni ma sœur qui avez ouvert la porte,*      It is neither you, nor my sister, who have opened the door.

*Vous, mon père, et moi, partirons, demain,*      You, my father, and I will set out to-morrow.

The pronoun relative *qui*, in these and the like sentences, always takes place of the first or second person, and only agrees with the others in number ; it is for this reason we must say,

*C'est moi qui suis cause de ce malheur,*      It is I who am the cause of that misfortune.

*C'est vous qui avez révélé ce secret,*      It is you who have revealed that secret.

*Ce n'est ni lui, ni moi qui l'avons fait,*      It is neither he nor I who have done it.

There are four conjugations in the French language. Each is distinguished by the termination of the verb in the infinitive mood.



The first makes <i>er</i> ,	as <i>donner</i> , to give.
The second <i>ir</i> ,	as <i>punir</i> , to punish.
The third <i>avoir</i> ,	as <i>recevoir</i> , to receive.
The fourth <i>re</i> ,	as <i>rendre</i> , to render.

N. B. It is necessary that the learner should be well acquainted with the manner of conjugating the two following verbs, because of the frequency of their occurrence in sentences, and in forming the compound tenses of all other verbs.

### CONJUGATION of the AUXILIARY VERB *AVOIR*, TO HAVE.

#### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	Compound of the Present
<i>Avoir</i> , to have.	<i>Avoir eu</i> , to have had.
Participle active.	Compound of the Past.
<i>Ayant</i> , having.	<i>Ayant eu</i> , having had.
Participle passive.	
* <i>Eu</i> , had.	

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.	Plural.
<i>J'ai</i> , I have.	<i>Nous avons</i> , we have.
<i>Tu as</i> , thou hast,	<i>Vous avez</i> , you or ye have
<i>Il a</i> , he has.	<i>Ils ont</i> , }
<i>Elle a</i> , she has.	<i>Elles ont</i> , } they have.
Imperfect. Singular.	Plural.
<i>J'avois</i> , I had.	<i>Nous avions</i> , we had.
<i>Tu avois</i> , thou hadst.	<i>Vous aviez</i> , you had.
<i>Il avoit</i> , he had.	<i>Ils avoient</i> , they had.
Preterite. Singular.	Plural.
<i>J'eus</i> , I had.	<i>Nous eûmes</i> , we had.
<i>Tu eus</i> , thou hadst.	<i>Vous eûtes</i> , you had.
<i>Il eut</i> , he had.	<i>Ils eurent</i> , they had.
Future. Singular.	
<i>J'aurai</i> , I shall or will have.	
<i>Tu auras</i> , thou wilt, &c. have.	
<i>Il aura</i> , he will, &c. have.	

\* Pronounce *eu* like the French letter *u*, throughout this verb.

## Plural.

*Nous aurons*, we shall, &c. have.

*Vous aurez*, we will, &c. have.

*Ils auront*, they will, &c. have.

## Conditional. Singular.

*J'aurois*, I should, could, would, or might have.

*Tu aurois*, thou wouldst, &c. have.

*Il auroit*, he would, &c. have.

## Plural.

*Nous aurions*, we should, &c. have.

*Vous auriez*, you would, &c. have.

*Ils auroient*, they would, &c. have.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

They are formed by adding the participle passive, *eu*, had, to the preceding :

## Compound of the Present.

*J'ai eu*, &c. I have had, &c.

## Compound of the Imperfect.

*J'avois eu*, &c. I had had, &c.

## Compound of the Preterite.

*J'eus eu*, &c. I had had, &c.

## Compound of the Future.

*J'aurai eu*, &c. I will or shall have had, &c.

## Compound of the Conditional.

*J'aurois eu*, &c. I would, should, could, or might have had, &c.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

## Present. Singular.

*Aie*, have thou.

*Qu'il ait*, let him have.

*Qu'elle ait*, let her have.

## Plural.

*Ayons*, let us have.

*Ayez*, have ye or you.

*Qu'ils, or elles aient*, let them have.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present. Singular.

*Que j'aie*, that I have, or may have.

*tu aies*, thou mayest have.

*il ait*, he may have.

## Plural.

<i>Que nous ayons,</i>	that we may have.
<i>vous ayez,</i>	you may have.
<i>ils aient,</i>	they may have.

## Preterite. Singular.

<i>Que j'eusse,</i>	that I might have or had.
<i>tu eusses,</i>	thou mightest have.
<i>il eût,</i>	he might have.

## Plural.

<i>Que nous eussions,</i>	that we might have.
<i>vous eussiez,</i>	you might have.
<i>ils eussent,</i>	they might have.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

They are formed by adding the participle passive *eu*, had, to the two preceding : ex.

## Compound of the Present.

*Que j'aie eu*, &c. that I may have had.

## Compound of the Preterite.

*Que j'eusse eu*, &c. that I might have had.

The learner ought to conjugate the preceding verb with a negation : ex.

<i>Je n'ai pas,</i>	I have <i>not</i> ;
<i>* Nous n'avons pas,</i>	We have <i>not</i> ;

always placing *ne* before the verb, and *pas* after it.

## CONJUGATION of the AUXILIARY VERB

*ETRE*, TO BE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Etre*, to be.

## Participle Active.

*Etant*, being.

## Participle Passive.

*Êté*, been.

## Compound of the Present.

*Avoir été*, to have been.

## Compound of the Past.

*Ayant été*, having been.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present. Singular.

*Je suis*, I am.  
*Tu es*, thou art.  
*Il est*, he is.

## Plural.

*Nous sommes*, we are.  
*Vous êtes*, you are.  
*Ils sont*, they are.

## Imperfect. Sing.

*J'étois*, I was.  
*Tu étois*, thou wast.  
*Il étoit*, he was.

## Plural.

*Nous étions*, we were.  
*Vous étiez*, you were.  
*Ils étoient*, they were.

## Preterite. Sing.

*Je fus*, I was.  
*Tu fus*, thou wast.  
*Il fut*, he was.

## Plural.

*Nous fûmes*, we were.  
*Vous fûtes*, you were.  
*Ils furent*, they were.

## Future. Singular.

*Je serai*, I shall or will be.  
*Tu seras*, thou wilt, &c. be.  
*Il sera*, he will, &c. be.

## Plural.

*Nous serons*, we shall, &c. be.  
*Vous serez*, you will, &c. be.  
*Ils seront*, they will, &c. be.

## Conditional. Singular.

*Je serois*, I would, could, should, or might be.  
*Tu serois*, thou wouldst, &c. be.  
*Il seroit*, he would, &c. be.

## Plural.

*Nous serions*, we should, &c. be.  
*Vous seriez*, you would, &c. be.  
*Ils seroient*, they would, &c. be.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

They are formed by adding the participle passive of this verb; *été*, been, to the simple tenses of the Indicative Mood of the verb *avoir* : ex.

## Compound of the Present.

*J'ai été*, &c. I have been, &c.

## Compound of the Imperfect.

*J'avois été*, &c. I have been, &c.

Compound of the Preterite.

*Jeus été*, &c. I had been, &c.

Compound of the Future.

*J'aurai été*, &c. I shall or will have been, &c.

Compound of the Conditional.

*J'aurois été*, &c. I should, could, would, or might have been, &c.

IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Sois*, be thou.

*Qu'il soit*, let him be.

Plural.

*Soyons*, let us be.

*Soyez*, be ye.

*Qu'ils soient*, let them be.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Que je sois*, that I be, or may be.

*tu sois*, thou mayest be.

*il soit*, he may be.

Plural.

*Que nous soyons*, that we may be.

*vous soyez*, you may be.

*ils soient*, they may be.

Preterite. Singular.

*Que je fusse*, that I might be, or were.

*tu fusses*, thou mightest be.

*il fût*, he might be.

Plural.

*Que nous fussions*, that we might be.

*vous fussiez*, you might be.

*ils fussent*, they might be.

COMPOUND TENSES.

They are formed by adding the participle past of this verb *été*, been, to the two simple tenses of the subjunctive mood of the verb *avoir*: ex.

Compound of the Present.

*Que j'aie été*, that I may have been, &c.

Compound of the Preterite.

*Que j'eusse été*, &c. that I might have been, &c.

This verb, as well as the preceding, is to be conjugated with the negation: ex.

*Je ne suis pas,            I am not.*  
*Nous ne sommes pas,    We are not.*

*N. B.* Here it is peculiarly necessary to observe, that the two above verbs, *avoir*, to have, and *être*, to be, are only auxiliaries when they are joined with some participle passive of another verb ; otherwise, *être* may properly be called a *substantive verb* ; that is, a verb which only expresses the affirmation, without any inherent quality ; and the verb *avoir* is an *active one*, which signifies *to possess*.

EXERCISES *on the two* AUXILIARY VERBS.  
GENERAL OBSERVATION.

Every verb must agree with its nominative case in *person* and *number* ; but after collective nouns, such as, *amas, foule, infinité, nombre, la plûpart*, &c. followed by a genitive, the verb must agree with that genitive in number: ex.

*La plupart de ses amis l'ont abandonné.* Most of his friends have forsaken him.

In order to ease the learner, the different simple tenses are marked in the following exercises as far as the irregular verbs, when it is hoped every difficulty will be removed by practice and attention. The second person singular, being *seldom*, or never used in conversation, has been omitted throughout the exercises on the verbs.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

PRES. I have a book. --- I am happy. --- He has  
*heureux, adj.*

a hat which is too trop,adv. big, - - - We have no grand,adj.

money. --- We are not ambitious. --- You have  
argent. *ambitieux*, adj.

a sword. - - - You are very proud. - - - - - Those girls  
orgueilleux, adj.

have modesty ; they are virtuous.

*modestie*, f.                      *vertueux*, adj.

IMP. I had a friend. - - - I was grateful. - - - My  
reconnoissant,adj.

sister had no work ;      she was lazy. - - - We had  
                *ouvrage,*                         *paresseux*,adj.

a holiday ; we were very glad of it. --- You had  
*congé,* *aise,*adj.

company ; but you were not ready. -- Your brothers  
*compagnie,*f. *mais,*c. *prêt,*adj.

had learning ; they were loved by every body.  
*savoir,*m. *aimé,*p.p. *de*

PRET. (As soon as) I had a fine horse, I was  
*Dès que,*c.

merry. ----- My cousin had a little garden ; he  
*de bonne humeur.* *cousin,*m.

was ingenious. --- As soon as we had bread, we  
*étoit adroit,*adj. *pain,*m.

were satisfied ----- You had fine weather ; you were  
*rassasié,*p.p. *temps*

pleased. --- -- Your friends had beautiful flowers ;  
*content,*adj.

they were very careful of them  
*soigneux,*adj.

FUT. I shall have discretion ; I shall be prudent.  
*discrétion,*f.

-- Miss White shall have a bird which will be very  
*oiseau,*m.

tame. ----- We shall have no books, we shall not  
*apprivoisé,*adj.

be learned. --- You shall have pens and paper ; you  
*savant,*adj.

will be busy. ----- The English will have a good  
*occupé,*adj.

admiral ; they will be victorious.  
*amiral,*m. *victorieux,*adj.

COND. I could have a pretty dog. --- I would  
*joli,*adj. *chien,*m.

not be troublesome. ----- Mr. Thomas would have  
*importun,*adj.

good wine : it would be a delicious thing. -- We  
*ce* *délicieux,*adj. *chose,*f.

would have a dictionary : we would not be negligent.  
 ----- You would have good officers ; you would be

invincible. ----- These ladies would have a better  
*invincible,*adj.

reception ; they would be thankful.  
*accueil,*m. *reconnoissant,*adj.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Have patience and be indulgent.\* - - - Let her have a gown ; let her be happy. - - - Let us have at least  
*au moins*,adv.

some gratitude ; let us be diligent. - - - Let them  
*reconnaissance*,f.

have partridges ; let them be merry.

*perdrix*,f.

*joyeux*,adj.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. That I may have riches. - - - That I may be charitable. - - - That he may have scholars. - - -

That he may be attentive. - - - That we may have a  
*attentif*,adj.

good house. - - - That we may be well lodged. - - -  
*bien*,adv. *logé*,p.p.

That you may have your money ; that you may  
*argent*,m.

be paid. - - - That they may have apples ; that  
*payé*,p.p.

they may be ripe.

*mûr*,adj.

PRET. That I might have generosity. - - - That I  
*générosité*,f.

might not be poor. - - - That he might have no  
*pauvre*,adj.

pleasure. - - - That he might be uneasy. - - - That  
*plaisir*. *inquiet*,adj.

we might have our share. - - - That we might not  
*part*,f.

be deceived. - - - That you might have a couple  
*trompés*,p.p. *couple*,f.

of fowls. - - - That you might be pleased. - - - That  
*content*,adj.

they might have no pension. - - - That they might not be rewarded.

*récompensés*,p.p.

## Promiscuous EXERCISES upon the COMPOUND TENSES.

I have had (a great deal) of trouble ; I have not  
*bien* *peine*,f.

\* Remember the last observation, page 172, that the *second person plural* must be used throughout the imperative mood.



been rewarded. - - - Your brother would have had  
 leave if he had been diligent. - - - If you had  
*permission,*  
 married him, you would have had a tyrant,  
*épousé, p.p.* *tyran, m.*  
 instead of a husband ; you never could have been  
*au lieu, p.* *mari, m.* *ne jamais*  
 happy. - - - If we had fought, we could not  
*combattu, p.p.*  
 have been conquered. - - - Thomas has had two  
*vaincus, p.p.*  
 holidays, because he has been very active. - - -  
*congé, p.* *parceque, c.* *actif, adj.*  
 If your friend could have had a better watch, he  
*montre, f.*  
 would not have been cheated. - - - Your uncle and  
*trompé, p.p.*  
 my brother have been wet. - - - You could have  
*mouillés, p.p.*  
 killed a hare if you had had a gun.  
*tué, p.p.* *lièvre, m.* *fusil, m.*

After these exercises the learner ought to conjugate  
 the two foregoing verbs, throughout the several tenses of  
 the indicative mood only, first with an interrogation affir-  
 mative, and then with an interrogation negative : ex.

## SINGULAR.

## Affirmatively.

<i>Ai-je ?</i>	have I ?	<i>Suis-je ?</i>	am I ?
<i>A-t-il ?</i>	has he ?	<i>Est-il ?</i>	is he ?
<i>Mon frère a-t-il ?</i>	has my brother ?		
<i>Sa fille est-elle ?</i>	is her daughter ?		

## Negatively.

<i>N'ai-je pas ?</i>	have I not ?	<i>Né suis-je pas ?</i>	am I not ?
<i>N'a-t-il pas ?</i>	has he not ?	<i>N'est-il pas ?</i>	is he not ?
<i>Ma sœur n'a-t-elle pas ?</i>	has not my sister ?		
<i>Votre cousin n'est-il pas ?</i>	is not your cousin ?		

## PLURAL.

## Affirmatively.

<i>Avons-nous ?</i>	have we ?	<i>Sommes-nous ?</i>	are we ?
<i>Avez-vous ?</i>	have you ?	<i>Etes-vous ?</i>	are you ?
<i>Ont-ils ?</i>	have they ?	<i>Sont-ils ?</i>	are they ?

<i>Vos frères ont-ils ?</i>	have you brothers ? &c.
<i>Ses filles sont-elles ?</i>	are his daughters ? &c.

Negatively.

<i>N'avons-nous pas ?</i>	have we not ?
<i>N'avez-vous pas ?</i>	have you not ?
<i>N'ont-ils pas ?</i>	have they not ?
<i>Ses enfans n'ont-ils pas ?</i>	have not his children ?
<i>Ne sommes-nous pas ?</i>	are we not ?
<i>N'êtes-vous pas ?</i>	are you not ?
<i>Ne sont-ils pas ?</i>	are they not ?
<i>Mes sœurs ne sont-elles pas ?</i>	are not my sisters ? &c.

N. B. In the interrogations, it must be observed, that when there is a *noun* standing as a nominative to the verb, the pronouns *il, elle, nous, vous, ils, elles*, though not expressed in English, must be expressed in French immediately after the verb, according to the person and number ; and when the verb terminates with a vowel, a *-t-* is to be added in the third person singular between the verb and the pronoun, to avoid the *hiatus*, the noun beginning the phrase: ex.

*Votre oncle a-t-il des enfans ?* Has *your uncle* any children ?

that is, Your uncle, *has he* any children ?

*Mon cousin aura-t-il congé ?* Will *my cousin* have a holiday ?

that is, My cousin, *will he have* a holiday ?

The same rule must be observed in the conjugation of the other verbs : ex.

*Votre frère joue-t-il du violon ?* Does *your brother* play on the violin ?

*Sa sœur dinera-t-elle ici aujourd'hui ?* Will *her sister* dine here to-day ?

But if the sentence begin with *que* interrogative, or an *adverb* followed by a noun, the pronoun is not to be expressed, and that *noun* is to be put after the verb : ex.

*Que fait votre sœur ?* What is your sister doing ?

*Comment se porte Monsieur votre frère ?* How does your brother ?

When, in French, we make a general interrogation

concerning a sudden *pain, misfortune, accident, &c.* we say,  
*Qu'est-ce que c'est ?* What is the matter ?

But if speaking *to, or of* a person, we must use the verb  
*avoir*, and follow the above rule : ex.

*Qu'avez-vous ?* What is the matter with  
*you ?*

*Qu'a-t-il ?* What is the matter with  
*him ?*

*Qu'aviez-vous ?* What was the matter with  
*you ?*

*Qu'avoit votre sœur ce matin ?* What was the matter with  
*your sister this morning ?*

The learner will have no trouble in going through the  
 other simple tenses of the indicative mood ; and as for  
 the compounds, it needs only to be *remembered*, that *eu*,  
*had*, or *été*, *been*, is to be added to the simple tenses of  
 the verb *avoir*, to have : ex.

*Ai-je eu ?* have I *had* ?

*N'ai-je pas eu ?* have I not *had* ? &c.

*Ai-je été ?* have I *been* ?

*N'ai-je pas été ?* have I not *been* ? &c.

### *Promiscuous* EXERCISES on the preceding RULES.

Have I my books ? - - Am I not unhappy to  
*mulheureux, adj. de*  
 have lost his friendship ? - - Has he no money ?  
*perdu, p.p. amitié, f.*

Is my sister arrived ? - - Has not your father a great  
*arrivée, p.p.*

deal of friendship for you ? - - - What is the matter  
 with you ? - - Have not your parents sent you  
*envoyé, p.p.*

all the money which you wanted ? - - - - Have we  
*dont aviez, v. besoin.*

not a garden ? - - - Are we not very happy ? - - - -

Have you a good gun ? - - - Are you dexterous ? - - -  
*adroit, adj.*

Have not my brother and sister a beautiful coach ? - -

Are not Paul and Thomas two pretty children ?  
*joli, adj.*

Are your brothers arrived? - - - Are you not glad to see them? - - - What is the matter with him?  
*de voir, v.*

Have they not spoken to him? - - Had you not a  
*parlé, p.p.*

little dog? - - Was not your paper very good? - Are not the English ladies generally handsomer than  
*généralement, adv.*

the French? - - Shall you have occasion for your dic-  
*besoin, m. de*

tionary? - - - Shall I not have the pleasure to see  
*de*

you to-morrow? - - - Were you not in the room? - - -  
*demain, adv. chambre, f.*

Shall we not have leave? - - - - Will they not be angry? - - - - Could you not have had a better watch?  
*fâché, adj.*

- - - - If France were as rich as England, would  
*Si, c. étoit*

it not be the best\* country in the world? - - -  
*ce, pro.*

Will you not be ashamed? - - - - Has not your  
*honteux, adj.*

friend had bad weather? - - - What was the  
*mauvais, adj. temps?*

matter with him this morning? - - - - Had not our admiral better seamen than yours? - - Has he been  
*matelot*

victorious? - - Would not your hat be too big? - - - -  
*victorieux, adj. grand, adj.*

Is not your sister older than mine? - - Are you  
*âgé, adj.*

not happier than if you were married? - - - - Shall  
*marié, p.p.*

not John have a holiday, if he be diligent? - - Has not  
*Jean est*

your cousin more money than you? - - Was not your wine very dear?

The learner will soon be convinced how necessary it is to know these two verbs perfectly well; because, inde-

\* See the Degrees of Comparison, p. 60, &c.

pendently of being constantly used, the compound tenses of all the others are formed with them. When he is well acquainted with their usage, he will only have to add the participle passive to any of their tenses : ex.

*J'ai aimé*, I have loved or I did love.

*Je n'ai pas chanté*, I have not sung or I did not sing.

*Ai-je parlé ?* have I spoken ? or did I speak ?

*N'ai-je pas étudié ?* have I not studied ? or did I not study ?

*Avez-vous dansé ?* have you danced ? or did you dance ?

*N'avez-vous pas écrit ?* have you not written ? or did you not write ?

*Je suis puni*, I am punished.

*Je ne suis pas attendu*, I am not expected.

*Suis-je aimé ?* am I loved ?

*Ne suis-je pas perdu ?* am I not undone ?

*Etes-vous marié ?* are you married ?

*N'etes-vous pas convaincu ?* are you not convinced ?

#### REMARK on the Verb *ETRE*, TO BE.

In English, when this verb immediately precedes any noun signifying *old, hungry, thirsty, cold, hot, or afraid*, it should be rendered in French by *avoir*, to have, and the adjective must be changed into its substantive : ex.

*Quel âge avez-vous ?* How old are you ?

*J'ai sept ans,* I am seven years old.

*Avez-vous faim ?* Are you hungry ?

*Non, mais j'ai soif,* No, but I am thirsty, &c.

#### EXERCISES.

How old is your daughter ? She is seven

*Quel, pro.* *fille, f.*

years old. --- My son will be eleven years old

*an, m. s.* *fil, m.*

(in the) month of April. ----- I was very

*au mois, m.* *Avril.* *grand, adj.*

hungry when I arrived. ----- Were you not

*quand, c.* *suis arrivé, p. p.*

\*very thirsty ? - - He is not afraid. - - You will

*grand, adj.* *peur.*

soon be warm. - - - Are you not cold ? - - -

*bientôt, adv.* *chaud* *froid ?*

How old are these two young children ? The  
*enfant*, m.  
 one is three years old, and the other is not yet  
*encore*, adv.  
 four. - - - Was not my sister more than ten years old  
 when she died ?  
*quand*, adv. *mourut*, v.

## FIRST CONJUGATION.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Parl-er*, to speak.  
 Participle active. *\*ant*, speaking.  
 Participle passive. *é*, m. *ée*, f. *spoken*.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *Avoir parlé*, to have spoken.  
 Past. *Ayant parlé*, having spoken.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present. Singular.

*Je parl-e*, I speak, or I do speak, or I am speaking.†  
*Tu es*, thou speakest.  
*Il e*, he speaks.

## Plural.

*Nous \*ons*, we speak.  
*Vous ez*, you speak.  
*Ils ent*, they speak.

## Imperfect. Singular.

*Je parl-\*ois*, I was speaking, spoke, or did speak,  
*Tu \*ois*, thou wast speaking, &c.  
*Il \*oit*, he was speaking, &c.

\* Verbs in this conjugation, the root of which terminates in *G* or *C*, immediately succeeded by *A* or *O*, require, for the softening of their sound, that an *E* be added to the *G*, and a cedilla to the *ç*. Stars are placed where these alterations are required.

† When in English, a participle active is joined to any of the tenses of the auxiliary verb *to be*, to express the continuation of the action, the auxiliary must be left out in French, and the participle put in the same tense, &c. with the auxiliary that is suppressed ;

<i>Je parle</i> , I am speaking ;	<i>Je priois</i> , I was desiring ;
<i>Vous parlez</i> , You are speaking ;	<i>Nous chantions</i> , we were singing ;
<i>Nous danserons</i> , we shall be dancing ;	<i>Ils écriraient</i> , they would be writing ;

and not *Je suis parlant*, *vous êtes parlant*, *j'étois priant*, &c. *nous serons dansant*, *ils seroient écrivant*, &c.

## Plural.

*Nous*    *ions*, we were speaking, &c.  
*Vous*    *iez*, you were speaking, &c.  
*Ils*      *\*oient*, they were speaking, &c.

## Prétérite. Singular.

*Je parl-ai*, I spoke, or did speak.  
*Tu*      *\*as*, thou spokest.  
*Il*       *\*a*, he spoke.

## Plural.

*Nous*    *\*âmes*, we spoke.  
*Vous*    *\*âtes*, you spoke.  
*Ils*      *èrent*, they spoke.

## Future. Singular.

*Je parl-erai*, I shall or will speak.  
*Tu*       *eras*, thou shalt or wilt speak.  
*Il*       *era*, he shall or will speak.

## Plural.

*Nous*    *erons*, we shall or will speak.  
*Vous*    *erez*, you shall or will speak.  
*Ils*      *eront*, they shall or will speak.

## Conditional. Singular.

*Je parl-erois*, I should, would, or might speak.  
*Tu*       *erois*, thou shouldst, &c. speak.  
*Il*       *eroit*, he should, &c. speak.

## Plural.

*Nous*    *erions*, we should, &c. speak.  
*Vous*    *eriez*, you should, &c. speak.  
*Ils*      *eroient*, they should, &c. speak.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present.	<i>J'ai parlé</i> ,	I have spoken.
Imperfect.	<i>J'avois parlé</i> ,	I had spoken.
Preterite.	<i>J'eus parlé</i> ,	I had spoken.
Future.	<i>J'aurai parlé</i> ,	I shall or will have spoken.
Conditional.	<i>J'aurois parlé</i> ,	I should, would, or could have spoken.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

Parl-*e*, speak thou.

*Qu'il*    *e*, let him speak.

## Plural.

*\*ons*, let us speak.  
*ez*, speak ye.  
*Qu'ils ent*, let them speak.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

## Present. Singular.

*Que je parl-e*, that I may speak, or I speak.  
*tu es*, thou mayest speak.  
*il e*, he may speak.

## Plural.

*nous ions*, that we may speak.  
*vous ie**z*, you may speak.  
*ils ent*, they may speak.

## Preterite. Singular.

*Que je parl-asse*, that I might speak, or I spoke.  
*tu asses* thou mightest speak.  
*il â**t*, he might speak.

## Plural.

*nous assions*, that we might speak.  
*vous assie**z*, you might speak.  
*ils assent*, they might speak.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *Que j'ai**e* *parlé*, that I may have spoken.  
 Preterite. *Que j'eus**e* *parlé*, that I might have spoken.

After the same manner are conjugated about 2700 regular verbs. The following are excepted : viz.

*Aller*, being very irregular, will be seen among the irregular verbs.

*Envoyer* is only irregular in the future and conditional present : as, instead of saying *j'enverrai*, I will send, &c. *j'enverrois*, I would send, &c. according to this conjugation, we say,

## Future.

## Singular.

*J'enverrai*, I will send.  
*Tu enverras*,  
*Il enverra*,

## Plural.

*Nous enverrons*.  
*Vous enverrez*.  
*Ils enverront*.



## Conditional.

Singular.	Plural.
<i>J'enverrois</i> , I would send.	<i>Nous enverrions</i> .
<i>Tu enverrois</i> ,	<i>Vous enverriez</i> .
<i>Il enverroit</i> ,	<i>Ils enverroient</i> .

**PUER** (*sentir mauvais*.) This verb is only used in the infinitive mood, present tense, imperfect, future of the indicative, and conditional. Formerly this verb was irregular in the three persons of the present tense of the indicative mood; as *je pus*, *tu pus*, *il put*; custom has, however, reformed the abuse, and will have it, *Je pue*, *tu pues*, *il pue*.

Verbs ending in **AYER** and **OYER**, as *essayer*, to try, *envoyer*, to send, change **y** into **i** wherever the letter **y** is immediately followed by an **e** mute: ex. *j'essaie*, *tu essaies*, *il essaie*, *j'envoie*, *tu envoies*, *il envoie*, &c.

The learner having conjugated a verb affirmatively, and negatively, ought to conjugate two others with an *interrogation*, affirmative, and negative, in the indicative mood only, and so on through the other conjugations, before he attempts the exercises: ex.

Affirmatively.

*Manges-tu* ? dost thou eat ?

*Mange-t-il* ? does he eat ?

*Parlons-nous* ? do we speak ? &c.

Negatively.

*Ne parlé-je pas* ? do I not speak ?

*Ma sœur ne chante-t-elle pas* ? does not my sister sing ?

**N. B.** In many verbs, common usage does not admit an interrogation in the first person singular present, of the indicative mood.—Instead of saying, *Mangé je* ? Do I eat ? *Punis-je* ? Do I punish ? &c. we say,

*Est-ce que je mange* ? *Est-ce que je punis* ? &c.

Some verbs ending in **e** mute, in the first person singular, present of the indicative mood, change the **e** mute into acute **é** with an acute accent, and *je* after it; as, *parlé-je*.

It has before been observed, that the compound tenses are easily formed, by adding the participle passive of the verb to any of the tenses of the auxiliaries *avoir* to have, or *être*, to be, as they have been conjugated, either affirmatively, negatively, or interrogatively: ex.

Affirmatively.

*J'ai dansé*, I have danced, or I did dance.

*Je n'ai pas parlé*, I have not spoken, or I did not speak.

Interrogatively-affirmatively.

*Avez-vous chanté*, Have you sung, or did you sing ?

Interrogatively-negatively.

*N'a-t-il pas mangé ?* Has he not eaten, or did he not eat ?

Observe that we make use of

*Mener*,

To take, to carry,

*Amener*,

To bring,

*Emmener*,

To carry, or take away,

and all the compound verbs of *mener*, whenever we speak of rational, or irrational beings to which nature has given the faculty of walking, if they be not deprived of it through illness or accident : in all other cases we make use of

*Porter*,

To carry, to take,

*Apporter*,

To bring,

*Emporter*,

To carry, or take away,

and all the compounds of *porter*.

N. B. It must be necessarily observed here, previously to the learner's translating the following exercises, that the *English auxiliary verbs*, *have, am, do, did, will, shall, can, yet, may, would, could, should, might*, and often *ought*, are most commonly used, in that language, to avoid that repetition of a preceding verb, or in answer to a question or foregoing sentence ; to avoid the repetition of that verb, and often of one or more pronouns ; but in French, the verb, expressed in the first number, or part of the sentence, must always be repeated, as well as the pronouns which it may govern : ex.

*Je vous prie de porter demain cette lettre à Monsieur D.*

I beg of you to carry that letter to-morrow to Mr. D.

*Je la lui porterai avec plaisir,*

I will, with pleasure, (*carry it to him,*) understood.

*Vous ne pourriez pas apprendre cette leçon en dix jours,*

You could not learn that lesson in ten days.

<i>Il me semble que je pourrois l'apprendre,</i>	It seems to me as if I could ( <i>learn it</i> ,) understood.
<i>Attendez-vous vos sœurs aujourd'hui ?</i>	Do you expect your sisters to-day ?
<i>Oui, nous les attendons,</i>	Yes, we do, ( <i>expect them</i> ,) understood.
<i>Votre frère écrit-il à M. votre père ?</i>	Is your brother writing to your father ?
<i>Oui, il lui écrit à présent,</i>	Yes, he is now, ( <i>writing to him</i> ,) understood.
<i>Apprenez-vous le François ?</i>	Are you learning French ?
<i>Oui, je l'apprends,</i>	Yes, I am, ( <i>learning it</i> ,) understood.
<i>Avez-vous acheté les livres dont vous m'avez parlé ?</i>	Have you bought the books which you mentioned to me ?
<i>Non, je ne les ai pas encore achetés,</i>	No, I have not yet, ( <i>bought them</i> ,) understood.
<i>Ne devraient-ils pas faire savoir à leur père que leur frère est dans la détresse ?</i>	Ought they not to let their father know that their brother is in distress ?
<i>Certainement, ils devraient le lui faire savoir,</i>	Certainly, they ought, ( <i>to let him know it</i> ,) understood.

## EXERCISES ON THIS CONJUNCTION.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

PRES.	I play sometimes but I never	jou-er, v.	quelquefois, adv.	mais, c.	ne ja-
mais, adv.	win. - - -	How much does your brother	gagn-er, v.	Combien, adv.	∞
give	for his board ? - - -	We do not command ;	donn-er, v.	pension, f.	∞ command-er, v.
we entreat. - - -	You always borrow ;	you	pri-er, v.	toujours, adv.	emprunt-er, v.
never lend. - - -	You are always speaking when	prêt-er, v.	quand, adv.		
I write. - - -	Why do you not grant	écris, v.	Pourquoi, adv.	∞	accord-er, v.
him that favour ? - - -	What do they ask	grâce, f.	demand-er, v.		
you ?					

IMP. I was desiring them to sing a song. --  
*pri-er, v. de chant-er, v. chanson, f.*  
 She was not speaking to you. --- Were we not jok-  
*bad-*  
 ing? --- Were you not scolding them when I came?  
*n-er, v. grond-er, v. vins, v.*

Yes, I was. --- They were eating fish.  
*mang-er, v. poisson, m.*

PRET. I spoke to them (a long while.) --- Did  
*long tems, adv.*  
 not the king forgive them? --- No, he did not.

*roi, m. pardonn-er, v.*  
 We wept for joy when we found her. ---  
*pleur-er, v. de joie, trouv-er, v.*

Why did you not play on Friday last? --- They  
*or Vendredi dernier, adj.*

fastened the man to a tree, and then  
*li-er, v. arbre, m. ensuite, adv.*

robbed him of his watch, gold ring, and all the  
*vol-er, v. or montre, f. bague, f.*

money he had in his pocket. --- The soldiers first  
*poche, f. d'abord, adv.*

pillaged the town, and then slaughtered without  
*pill-er, v. puis égorg-er, v.*

pity, the old men, women and children.

*pitié vieillard, m.*

FUT. I will buy a watch the first time I  
*achet-er, v. fois, f.*

go to London. --- Will not your father send  
*vrai, v. envoy-er, v.*

you to school this winter? --- What shall we give  
*école, f. hiver, m.*

him? --- Will you not carry the children to the  
*men-er, v. enfant, m.*

play? --- They will empty the bottle if you  
*comédie, f. vid-er, v. bouteille, f.*

do not take it away.

*or emport-er, v. or*

COND. I would lend them money, if  
*prêt-er, v. leur*

they were not so idle. --- Would not your  
*paresseux, adj.*

mother despise                    such<sup>2</sup> a<sup>1</sup> conduct ? -- Why should  
*mépris-er, v.*    *tel, adj.*    *conduite, f.*  
 we send them thither ? -- - I am sure                    you would  
    *sûr, adj.*  
 marry                    her, if she were rich. - - - Would she  
*épous-er, v.*     *étoit riche, adj.*  
 not pay                    us, if they had money ?  
*pay-er, v.*

### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Bridle my horse and bring him to  
*Brid-er, v. cheval, m. amen-er, v.*  
 me. - - - Give a chair to that lady. - - Let her not  
*chaise, f. dame, f.*  
 (come up,) for I am engaged. - - - Let us carry those  
*mont-er, v. car, c. occupé, p. p.*  
 peaches to Mrs. D\*\*\*. - - - Do not neglect your  
*pêche, f. Mme néglig-er, v.*  
 affairs. - - - I promise that I will not. - Let them hunt.  
*affaire, f. promets, v. chasser, v.*

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. That I may help you. -- Though\* he  
*aid-er,v. Quoique,c.*  
do not approve of my plan. ---- Provided\*  
*approuv-er,v. plan,m. Pourvu que,c.*  
we avoid their company. ---- That you may  
*évit-er,v. compagnie,f.*  
try that gun. --- That they may not com-  
*éprouv-er,v.*  
mand.

PRET. That I might change† my opinion. - -  
*chang-er d'opinion.*  
 That he might eat† an apple. - - - That we might not  
*pomme,f.*  
 fall into their hands. - - - That you might  
*tomb-er,v. dans,p. main.*  
 encourage† the industrious. - - - That they might  
*encourag-er,v. industrieux,adj.*

\* Conjunctions which require the subjunctive mood, as will be seen hereafter.

† See the notes, page 180.

exercise their talents. -- That I might pronounce. --  
*exerc-er, v.*      *talent, m.*      *prononc-er, v.*

That we might begin.

*commenc-er, v.*

# Fromiscuous EXERCISES on the COMPOUND TENSES.

I have forgotten to bring your penknife. ---  
*oubl-er, v.*      *de*      *canif, m.*

He has not yet spoken to us. -- Has she brought  
*encore, adv.*      *sc*

her work with her ? -- Yes she has. -- Have we not gain-  
*gagn-*

ed our cause ? -- Why have you not yet begun  
*er, v.*      *commenc-er, v.*

your exercise ? --- You had taken the mustard  
*thème, m.*      *emport-er, v.*      *moutarde, f.*

away. --- You would have judged more favour-  
*sc*      *juger, v.*      *favo-*

ably of him. - Stay here till\*  
*rablement, adv.*      *Rest-er, v.*      *ici, adv.*      *jusqu'à ce que, c.*

we have dined. --- Could we not have assisted  
*din-er, v. subj.*      *aid-er, v.*

that family ? -- They have broken all the panes  
*famille, f.*      *cass-er, v.*      *carreau, m.*

of glass in their windows, because they had  
*vitre de, p.*      *fenêtre, f.*      *parceque, c.*

not illuminated as it had been ordered. ---  
*illumin-er, v.*      *comme, adv.*      *ordonn-er, v.*

I shall have <sup>2</sup>dined <sup>1</sup>soon. --- We would have  
*bientôt, adv.*

sent\* them to prison, if they had resisted. ---  
*envoy-er, v.*      *en prison, f.*      *résist-er, v.*

That we may have denied the fact. --- Had you  
*ni-er, v.*      *fait, m.*

not imitated their manners ? --- They had not exe-  
*imit-er, v.*      *manière, f.*      *éxé-*

cuted his commands. --- Had I not light-  
*cut-er, v.*      *commandement, m.*      *allu-*

ed the fire ? --- They would have carried him to  
*mer, v.*      *feu, m.*

the concert if I had not hindered\* them  
*empêch-er, v.*

\* For the agreement of these, see the rules on participles.

(from it). - - - We might have accepted of his  
*en* *accept-er, v.* *of*  
 offers. - - Why did you not ?  
*offre, f*

## SECOND CONJUGATION.

### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	Pun-ir, to punish.
Participle active.	<i>issant</i> , punishing.
Passive.	<i>i, m. ie, f.</i> punished.

### COMPOUND TENSES.

Present.	<i>Avoir puni</i> , to have punished.
Past.	<i>Ayant puni</i> , having punished.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

#### Present. Singular.

*Je* pun-*is*, I punish, I do punish, or I am punishing.  
*Tu* *is*,  
*Il* *it*,

#### Plural.

*Nous* *issons*, we punish, &c.  
*Vous* *issez*,  
 *Ils* *issent*,

#### Imperfect. Singular.

*Je* pun-*issois*, I did punish or I was punishing, &c  
*Tu* *issois*,  
*Il* *issoit*,

#### Plural.

*Nous* *issions*, we did punish, &c.  
*Vous* *issiez*,  
 *Ils* *issoient*,

#### Preterite. Singular.

*Je* pun-*is*, I punished, or I did punish.  
*Tu* *is*,  
*Il* *it*,

#### Plural.

*Nous* *îmes*, we punished, &c.  
*Vous* *îtes*,  
 *Ils* *irent*,

## Future. Singular.

*Je pun-irai*, I shall *or* will punish.

*Tu iras*,

*Il ira*,

## Plural.

*Nous irons*, We shall *or* will punish.

*Vous irez*,

*Ils iront*,

## Conditional. Singular.

*Je pun-irois*, I should, would, could, *or* might punish.

*Tu irois*,

*Il iroit*,

## Plural.

*Nous irions*, we should, &c. punish.

*Vous iriez*,

*Ils iroient*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *J'ai puni*, I have punished.

Imperfect. *J'avois puni*, I had punished.

Preterite. *J'eus puni*, I had punished.

Future. *J'aurai puni*, I shall, &c. have punished.

Conditional. *J'aurais puni*, I should, &c. have punished.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Pun-is*, punish thou.

*Qu'il isse*, let him punish.

Plural.

*issons*, let us punish.

*issez*, punish ye.

*Qu'ils issent*, let them punish.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Que je pun-isse*, that I may punish, *or* I punish.

*tu isses*,

*il isse*,



## Plural.

*nous*    *issions*, that we may punish.  
*vous*    *issiez*,  
*ils*      *issent*,

## Preterite. Singular.

*Que je pun-isse*, that I might punish, or I punished  
*tu*        *isses*,  
*il*        *ît*,

## Plural.

*nous*    *issions*, that we might punish.  
*vous*    *issiez*,  
*ils*      *issent*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present.    *Que j'aie puni*, that I may have punished.

Preterite.   *Que j'eusse puni*, that I might have punished.

After the same manner are conjugated about two hundred regular verbs : the following are excepted, as being irregular :

*Acquérir*, to acquire.

*Assaillir*, to assault.

*Bouillir*, to boil.

*Courir*, to run.

*Cueillir*, to gather.

*Dormir*, to sleep.

*Faillir*, to fail.

*Fuir*, to flee, to avoid.

*Mentir*, to lie.

*Mourir*, to die.

*Offrir*, to offer.

*Ouvrir*, to open.

*Partir*, to set out.

*Se repentir*, to repent.

*Sentir*, to smell.

*Servir*, to serve.

*Sortir*, to go out.

*Souffrir*, to suffer.

*Tenir*, to hold.

*Venir*, to come.

*Vêtir*, to clothe.

And their compounds.

## EXERCISES UPON THIS CONJUGATION.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

PRES.	I always	finish	my work
	<i>toujours</i> ,adv.	<i>fin-ir</i> ,v.	<i>ouvrage</i> ,m.
before the	others. - - -	Your friend does not	succeed
<i>avant</i> ,p.		<i>ami</i> ,m.	<i>réuss-ir</i> ,v.
in	his undertaking. - -	Do we not furnish	arms
<i>dans</i> ,p.	<i>entreprise</i> ,f.	<i>fourn-ir</i> ,v.	<i>arme</i> ,f.
against	ourselves ? - -	Why do you hate	him ? - - -
<i>contre</i> ,p.		<i>ha-ir</i> ,v	

They cure the diseases of the body, and  
*guér-ir, v. maladie, f. corps, m.*  
 not those of the mind.

IMP. I was building my house when  
*bât-ir, v. maison, f. quand, adv.*  
 you demolished yours. - - - Was he not enjoying  
*démol-ir, v. jou-ir de, v.*  
 a good estate? - - - We hated him, because he did  
*bien, m. parceque, c.*  
 not act kindly towards us. - - On  
*ag-ir, v. honnêtement, adv. envers, p. Sur, p.*  
 what were you reflecting? - - The mountains were  
*réfléch-ir, v. montagne, f.*  
 resounding with their cries.  
*retent-ir, v. de cri, m.*

PRET. I warranted them very good. - - - Did not  
*garant-ir, v.*  
 your master accomplish his promise? - - - We (leap-  
*accompl-ir, v. promesse, f. fran-*  
 ed over) the ditch, and seized the guilty. - - -  
*ch-ir, v. fossé, m. sais-ir, v. coupable, adj.*  
 Why did you not applaud that pretty act-  
*applaud-ir, v. à joli, adj. ac-*  
 ress? I did, with all my might. - - - Did not the sol-  
*trice, f. de, p. forces, f. pl. sol-*  
 diers obey the commands of their gene-  
*dat, m. obé-ir, v. aux commandement, m.*  
 ral?

FUT. When shall I banish all these  
*bann-ir, v. tout, adj.*  
 thoughts from my mind? - - This plant will soon  
*pensée, f. plante, f.*  
 blossom, if you water it often. - - - We shall  
*fleur-ir, v. arroser, v. souvent, adv.*  
 warn your relations of it. - - - Shall you not  
*avert-ir, v. parent, m.*  
 enjoy, as we do, the pure plea-  
*jou-ir comme, adv. des pur, adj.*  
 sures of the country? - - - Her children will bless  
*bén-ir, v.*

her for it.

COND. I would choose this cloth, if I  
*chois-ir v. drap, m.*

were in your place. - - - Would he not blush, if he  
acted so ? - - - - We would not punish them, if they  
were diligent. - - Would you not act with less  
severity ? - - - - They could furnish us with arms and  
troops, if we wanted any. (write, if we had need  
of any.)

### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Do not fill the glasses. - - - Let him enjoy  
*rempl-ir, v.* *verre, m.*  
the fruit of his labours. - - Well ! let him, I do not  
*du* *travail, m.* *Eh bien, int.*  
hinder him from it. - - - Let us reflect on what we  
*empêch-er, v.*  
have to do. - - - Let them define the question.  
*à faire, v.* *défin-ir, v.*

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. That I may not perish. - - - I wish  
*pér-ir,v.* *souhait-r,e.v.*  
 he may succeed. - - - That we may not (bear hard-  
*réuss-ir,v.* *pât-ir,v.*  
 ships.) - That you may not hate us. - - - Provided they  
 do not (grow tall.)  
*grand-ir,v.*

PRET. That I might refresh my memory. - - -  
*rafraîch-ir, v. mémoire, f.*  
 That she might not roast the meat. - - That we might  
*rôt-ir, v.*  
 (become younger.) - - - - That you might punish the  
*rejeun-ir, v.*  
 idle. - - - That they might not (grow old.)  
*vieill-ir, v.*

### COMPOUND TENSES.

I have filled my cellar with good wine. - - -  
*rempl-ir, v. cave, f. de*

Has he not (leaped over) the ditch? - - We had finished our work. - - - - They would have seized him. - - - - *ouvrage, m.*

We should have perished without any assistance. - - *sans, p. aucun secours.*

When shall I have built my house? - - - I have *bât-ir, v.*

(very much) weakened his courage. - - Though *beaucoup, adv. affibl-ir, v. Quoique, c.*

they have adorned their gardens to dazzle *aient embell-ir, v. jardin, m. pour éblou-ir, v.*

the vulgar, they have not succeeded, because *vulgaire, m. réuss-ir, v. parceque, c.*

they have disobeyed their father and mother. *désobé-ir, v. à*

### THIRD CONJUGATION.

#### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Rec-evoir*, to receive.  
Part. active. *evant*, receiving.  
Part. pass. *\*u, m. ue, f. received.*

#### COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *Avoir reçu*, to have received.  
Past. *Ayant reçu*, having received.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

##### Present. Singular.

*Je reç-ois*, I receive, I do receive, or I am receiving.

*Tu ois,*

*Il oit,*

##### Plural.

*Nous evons*, we receive, &c.

*Vous avez,*

*Ils oivent,*

##### Imperfect. Singular.

*Je rec-evois*, I did receive, or I was receiving.

*Tu evois,*

*Il evoit,*

\* Verbs of this conjugation, the root of which terminates in *c*, require for the softening of their sound, that a cedilla be added to the *c*, so (*ç*) whenever it is followed by *o* or *u*.

## Plural.

*Nous*    *evions*, we did receive, &c.  
*Vous*    *eviez*,  
*Il*        *evoient*,

## Preterite. Singular.

*Je* rec-*us*, I received, or I did receive  
*Tu*        *us*,  
*Il*        *ut*,

## Plural.

*Nous*    *ûmes*, we received, &c.  
*Vous*    *ûtes*,  
*Il*        *urent*,

## Future. Singular.

*Je* rec-*evrai*, I shall or will receive.  
*Tu*        *evras*,  
*Il*        *evra*,

## Plural.

*Nous*    *evrons*, we shall or will receive,  
*Vous*    *evrez*,  
*Il*        *evront*,

## Conditional. Singular.

*Je* rec-*evrois*, I should, would, could, or might receive.  
*Tu*        *evrois*,  
*Il*        *evroit*,

## Plural.

*Nous*    *evrions*, we should, &c. receive.  
*Vous*    *evriez*,  
*Il*        *evroient*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present.     *J'ai reçu*, I have received.  
 Imperfect.   *J'avois reçu*, I had received.  
 Preterite.    *J'eus reçu*, I had received.  
 Future.       *J'aurai reçu*, I shall, &c. have received.  
 Conditional. *J'aurois reçu*, I should, &c. have received.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present.     Singular.

Reç-*ois*, receive thou.

*Qu'il*    *oive*, let him receive

- Plural.

*evons*, let us receive.*erez*, receive ye.*Qu'ils oivent*, let them receive.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Que je* *reç-oive*, that I may receive, or I receive.*tu* *oives*,*il* *oive*,

Plural.

*nous* *evions*, that we may receive.*vous* *eviez*,*ils* *oivent*,

Preterite. Singular.

*Que je* *reç-usse*, that I might receive, or I received.*tu* *usses*,*il* *ût*,

Plural.

*nous* *ussions*, that we might receive.*vous* *ussiez*,*ils* *ussent*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *Que j'aie reçu*, that I may have received.Preterite. *Que j'eusse reçu*, that I might have received.*Recevoir des nouvelles de* To hear from somebody.  
*quelqu'un.*After the same manner are conjugated seven verbs on  
ly : the following are excepted, being irregulars :*Asseoir*, to sit down.*Déchoir*, to decay.*Falloir*, (verb impersonal,) to be needful.*Mouvoir*, to move.*Pleuvoir*, (v. imp.) to rain.*Pouvoir*, to be able.*Savoir*, to know.*Valoir*, to be worth.*Voir* to see.*Vouloir*, to be willing.

And their compounds.

## EXERCISES ON THIS CONJUGATION.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

PRES. I entertain great hopes from his  
*conc-evoir*, v. *espérance*, f.

conduct. - - - I (am to) write to your brother to-  
*conduire, f.* \* *écrire, v.*  
 morrow, to let him know that your father is  
*pour faire, v.* *lui savoir, v.*  
 arrived. - - - A commander (ought to) be intrepid  
*commandant, m.* *devoir, v.\**  
 in the midst of dangers. - - - He (is to) go  
*au milieu, m.* *f.* *aller, v.*  
 and breakfast at my uncle's next Sunday,  
*se déjeuner, v.* *chez, p.* *se*  
 and he (is to) come and sup with us. - - - We  
*venir, v.* *se souper, v.*  
 sometimes entertain a hatred for persons who  
*quelquefois, adv.* *de la haine, f.*  
 deserve our friendship. - - - Do you not per-  
*mériter, v.* *amitié, f.* *a-*  
 ceive a mountain beyond the tree? - - Yes,  
*perc-evoir, v.* *derrière, p.*  
 I do. - - We (are to) remit him the value in  
*remettre, v.* *valeur, f.* *en, p.*  
 goods or in money. - - Are you not to dine  
*marchandises*  
 with my father and mother to-morrow? - - Men com-  
*demain, adv.*  
 monly owe their virtues or their vices to edu-  
*devoir, v.*  
 cation (as much as) to nature. - - - Are these young  
*autant que, c.* *f.*  
 ladies to go to the ball? - - No, they are not. - - -  
*aller, v.* *bal, m.*  
 A young man (ought to) love the society of those who  
*société, f.*  
 are the most learned and modest.

IMP. I owed four guineas to your aunt when she  
*guinée*

\* When the verb *to be to*, is used in the present or imperfect tenses of the indicative mood, and precedes another verb in the infinitive mood, denoting a futurity in the action, it is to be rendered in French by the same tenses of the verb *devoir*, and not by *être* :

*Je dois aller au parc,* I am to go to the park.  
*Nous devons lui écrire,* We were to write to him.

† See note, page 46, and remember to place compound adverbs after the participles passive.

died. --- Was not your brother to receive that me-  
mourut, v.

ney last<sup>2</sup> Thursday<sup>1</sup>? --- We received his tiresome  
Jeudi, m. ennuyant, adj.

visits, because we were obliged to it. --- Were you  
obliger, v.

not to let<sup>3</sup> them<sup>2</sup> know<sup>4</sup> it<sup>1</sup> sooner? --- They were  
faire, v. savoir, v.

not to stay above six weeks.

rester, v. plus de, adv.

PRES. I received yesterday, with (a great deal)  
bien, adv.

of pleasure, the books you sent me. --- As soon  
envoyer, v.

as we perceived the danger, we warned him of it.  
aperce-evoir avertir, v.

--- They heard\* yesterday from your brother.

FUT. I shall entertain a bad opinion of  
conc-evoir mauvais, adj. f.

you if you do not avoid Mr. R\*\*\*\*'s company. ---  
éviter, v.

We shall owe him <sup>2</sup>nothing <sup>1</sup>more, after this  
après, p.

month. --- I hope you will receive all my letters dur-  
pen-

ing my absence, and they will hear\* from their  
dant, p.

father (in a short time.)

dans peu, adv.

COND. I should answer your brother's  
† répondre, v. à

\* See the phrase following the verb recevoir.

† When the word *should* expresses a duty or necessity, or can with propriety be turned into *ought to*, it is rendered in French by the conditional present of the verb *devoir*: ex.

Je devrois aller le voir, I should or ought to go and see him.  
Vous devriez le secourir dans sa mis re, &c. You should or ought to help him in his misery, &c.

The word *should* or *ought*, when joined to the verb *to have*, immediately followed by a participle passive, must be rendered by the conditional past of the above verb, with the participle passive turned into the present of the infinitive mood: ex.

J'aurais dû l'obliger à rester ici, I should or ought to have obliged him to stay here.

Nous aurions dû revenir plut't, We should or ought to have come back sooner.



letter, but I have not time. - - - Ought not  
 your sister to give your<sup>2</sup> mother<sup>2</sup> (an account<sup>1</sup>)  
*rendre, v.* *le tems, m.* *compte, à, p.*  
 of all her actions? - - - She would soon  
*bientôt, adv.*  
 perceive the danger, if she knew the consequences  
*savoit, v.*  
 of it. - - - Children should every day learn  
*apprendre, v.*  
 something by heart. - - - You should not despise  
*cœur, m.* *mépriser, v.*  
 the advice that he gives you. - - - Should they,  
*avis, m.*  
 after what they have done, expect to  
*après, p.* *fait, p. p.* *s'attendre, v.* à  
 receive favours? - - - Grammar, geography, history, mu-  
 sic, are sciences and arts which ladies should never ne-  
 glect.

#### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Receive this small present as a token of my  
*marque, f.*  
 friendship.

#### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. and PRET. Though I perceive ships  
*Quoique, c.* *vaisseau, m.*  
 (afar off,) I cannot distinguish them. - - - He  
*de loin, adv.* *ne saurois, v.*  
 wrote to us by the first post, so that we might  
*écrivit, v.* *ordinaire, m.* *afin que, c.*  
 receive his orders (in proper time.)  
*à tems, adv.*

#### Mind these COMPOUND TENSES well! -

I have not yet received his answer. - - -  
*encore, adv.* *réponse, f.*  
 You should have (been making) your theme this  
 \* *faire, v.*  
 morning, instead of playing. - - - He has entertained  
*matin, m.* *au lieu, p.*  
 the hope of living here all his life. - - - She ought  
*vivre, v. ici, adv.* *vie, f.* \*

\*See the note, on preceding page.

to have thanked him for the good advice he  
*remercier, v. de, p.*  
 gave her. - - - When did you hear from your sister?  
 we have not heard from her since her de-  
*depuis, p. dé-*  
 parture. - - - Your uncle should not have obliged  
*part, m. oncle, m. \**  
 him to pay half the expenses. - - - We should  
*à moitié, f. des frais, m.*  
 have owed him one hundred livres. - - - I beg<sup>2</sup>  
*livre, f. demander, v.*  
 your<sup>1</sup> pardon, I ought not to have made you  
*vous faire, v.*  
 wait so long. - - - Ought not we to have  
*attendre, v. long-tems, adv. \**  
 employed our time better than (we did.) - - -  
*employer, v. nous n'avons fait*  
 You ought to have been less presumptuous.  
*présomptueux, adj.*

#### FOURTH CONJUGATION.

##### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. Vend-*re*, to sell.  
 Part. Active. *ant*, selling.  
 Part. Passive. *u, m. ue, f.* sold.

##### INDICATIVE MOOD.

##### Present. Singular.

*Je* vend-*s*, I sell, I do sell, or am selling.  
*Tu* vend-*s*,  
*Il* vend,

##### Plural.

*Nous* *ons*, we sell, &c.  
*Vous* *ez*,  
*Il* *ent*,

##### Imperfect. Singular.

*Je* vend-*ois*, I did sell, or was selling.  
*Tu* *ois*,  
*Il* *oit*,

##### Plural.

*Nous* vend-*ions*, we did sell, &c.  
*Vous* *iez*,  
*Il* *oient*

## Preterite. Singular.

*Je vend-is*, I sold, *or* did sell.*Tu* is,*Il* it,

## Plural.

*Nous* *îmes*, we sold, &c.*Vous* *îtes*,*Ils* *irent*,

## Future. Singular.

*Je vend-rai*, I shall, *or* will sell.*Tu* *ras*,*Il* *ra*,

## Plural.

*Nous* *rons*, we shall, *or* will sell.*Vous* *rez*,*Ils* *ront*,

## Conditional. Singular.

*Je vend-rois*, I should, could, would, *or* might sell.*Tu* *rois*,*Il* *roit*,

## Plural.

*Nous* *riions*, we should, &c.*Vous* *riez*,*Ils* *roient*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *J'ai vendu*, I have sold.Imperfect. *J'avois vendu*, I had sold.Preterite. *J'eus vendu*, I had sold.Future. *J'aurai vendu*, I shall, &c. have sold.Conditional. *Paurois vendu*, I should, &c. have sold.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

Vend-*s*, sell thou.*Qu'il* *e*, let him sell.

Plural.

*ons*, let us sell.*ez*, sell ye.*Qu'ils* *ent*, let them sell.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Que je vend-e, that I may sell, or I sell*  
*tu es,*  
*il e,*

Plural.

*nous ions, that we may sell.*  
*vous iez,*  
*ils ent,*

Preterite. Singular.

*Que je vend-isse, that I might sell, or I sold.*  
*tu isses,*  
*il il,*

Plural.

*nous issions, that we might sell.*  
*vous issiez,*  
*ils issent,*

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *Que j'aie rendu, that I may have sold.*Preterite. *Que j'eusse rendu, that I might have sold.*

After the same manner are conjugated about forty verbs.  
 The following are excepted as being irregular.

<i>Absoudre, to absolve.</i>	And all those ending in
<i>Battre, to beat.</i>	<i>indre.</i>
<i>Boire, to drink.</i>	<i>Croire, to believe.</i>
<i>Circoncire, to circumcise.</i>	<i>Dire, to tell.</i>
<i>Conclure, to conclude.</i>	<i>Ecrire, to write.</i>
<i>Conduire, to conduct.</i>	<i>Faire, to make, to do.</i>
And all the verbs ending in	<i>Frir, to fry.</i>
<i>uire.</i>	<i>Lire, to read.</i>
<i>Confire, to preserve.</i>	<i>Mettre, to put.</i>
<i>Connoître, to know.</i>	<i>Moudre, to grind.</i>
And all those ending in	<i>Naître, to be born.</i>
<i>ôître.</i>	<i>Paître, to graze, to feed.</i>
<i>Coudre, to sew.</i>	<i>Plaire, to please.</i>
<i>Craindre, to fear.</i>	<i>Prendre, to take.</i>

<i>Rire</i> , to laugh.	tongue.
<i>Suffire</i> , to suffice, to be sufficient.	<i>Traire</i> , to milk.
<i>Suivre</i> , to follow.	<i>Vaincre</i> , to conquer.
<i>Se taire</i> , to hold one's	<i>Vivre</i> , to live.
	And their compounds.

*N. B.* Verbs of this conjugation, the root of which terminates in *p*, as *romp-re*, *corromp-re*, &c. take a *t* in the third person singular, of the present tense, indicative mood: ex. *je romps*, *tu romps*, *ils rompt*: the rest are conjugated as *vendre*.

## EXERCISES ON THIS CONJUGATION.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

**PRES.** I do not mean to wrong  
*prétend-re, v.* *ou faire tort, v.*  
 him. - - - Is your mother coming down? - - - We  
*lui, pro.* *descend-re, v.*  
 expect our friend, Mr. A\*\*\*. - - - Do not you  
*attend-re, v.*  
 forbid her to go there? - - - They sell  
*défend-re, v.* *de aller, v.*  
 bad fruit.  
*mauvais, adj.*

**IMP.** Did I not interrupt him, while  
*interromp-re, v.* *pendant que, c.*  
 he was answering them? - - - She was melting into  
*répond-re, v.* *leur* *fond-re, v.* *en, p.*  
 tears, when you arrived. - - Were we not losing  
*larme,* *arriver, v.* *perdre, v.*  
 our time? - - You were not spreading your nets. - -  
*temps, m.* *étend-re, v.* *filet, m.*  
 Did they corrupt our manners?  
*corromp-re, v.* *mœurs, f. pl.*

**PRET.** (As soon as) I had received my money, I  
*Dès que, c.*  
 returned them what they had lent me. - - - Did  
*rend-re, v.* *prêter, v.*  
 he not hear you? - - - We (waited for) them a  
*entend-re, v.* *attend-re, v.*  
 month. - - (For how much) did you sell it to them? - -  
*mois, m.* *Combien, adv.*

They spilled all the wine.

*répand-re, v.*

FUT. I shall shear my flock (in the)  
*tond-re, v. troupeau, m. au*

month of May. - - If you do not take care,  
*Mai. prenez, v. garde,*

the dog will bite you. - - Shall we not lose, if  
*mord-er, v.*

we play? - - You will melt it, if you put  
*fond-re, v. mettez, v.*

it into the fire. No, I will not. - - They<sup>1</sup> shall<sup>3</sup> not<sup>2</sup>  
*dans, p.*

hear<sup>3</sup> of me<sup>7</sup> (any<sup>4</sup> more.)

*entend-re parler, v. plus, adv.*

COND. Should I not do him the jus-  
*rend-re, v.*

tice he deserves? - - Would he not interrupt you? - -  
*mériter, v.*

We would defend them if we could. - - Why  
*défend-re, v. pouvions, v.*

would you not answer, if I were speaking to  
*répond-re, v.*

you? - - Your hens would (lay eggs) every day, if  
*poule, f. pond-re, v.*

they were not so fat.

*gras, adj.*

#### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Give<sup>1</sup> God<sup>3</sup> thanks<sup>2</sup>. - - Let her not come

*Rend-re, v. Dieu grâce à*

down. - - Let us (give in) our accounts faith-  
*rend-re, v. compte, m. fidèle-*

fully. - - Do not lose my book. - - Let them hear  
*ment, adv.*

the voice of the Lord.

*voix, f. Seigneur, m.*

#### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. and PRET. Speak loud, that I may hear  
*haut, adv.*

what you say. - - She plays (upon the) harpsichord,  
*dites, v. du clavecin, m.*

though you forbid her to do it. - - -  
*quoique, c. lui de faire, v.*  
 He wrote to us, that we might not expect him.  
*écrivit, v.*

## COMPOUND TENSES.

I have lost my book; have you found  
*perd-re, v. trouver,*  
 it? - - - She has broken her fan. - - - Have you  
*romp-re, v. éventail, m.*  
 not interrupted me several times? - - - I had not  
 then answered his letter. - - - If they (had  
*alors, adv. à étoient*  
 gone) there, would they not have lost their time?  
*allés, p. p.*  
 Yes, they would. - - He says he would have sold us  
*dit, v.*  
 very good wine. - - - Had you not forbidden her to  
*de*  
 speak? - - - That they might have (waited for) us.

*Recapitulatory* **EXERCISES** on the regular verbs of the  
 four **CONJUGATIONS.**

*Review before you write.)*

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

**PRES.** I love attentive scholars, but I punish  
*attentif, adj. écolier, m. mais, c.*  
 severely laziness and inattention. - - - Your  
*sévèrement, adv. paresse, f.*  
 brother does not receive this news with plea-  
*nouvelle, f.*  
 sure. - - - Do we not expect your mother to day? - -  
*mère, f.*  
 We hope (that) you will succeed in your un-  
*espérer, v.*  
 dertaking. - - - Why do you not fulfil  
*Pourquoi, adv. accomplir, v.*  
 your promise? - - - - Are you to expect the least  
*promesse, f.*  
 favour from your parents and friends? - - - They per-  
*grâce, f. a-*

ceive the danger, and they do not endeavour  
*percevoir, v. tâcher, v.*

to shun it.

*de éviter, v.*

IMP. I was speaking of your aunt when you  
*tante, f.*

(came in,) and was doing her the justice she  
*entrer, v. rendre, v. lui*

deserves. - - - Mr. N. did not act towards your  
*mériter, v. agir, v. envers, p.*

son with much tenderness. - - - Mr. P. and I were  
*filz, m. tendresse.*

answering your letters when you arrived. - - - You  
*arriver, v.*

undoubtedly entertained great hopes from his  
*sans doute, adv. concevoir, v.*

last voyage. - - - They were spending their  
*dernier, adj. dépenser, v.*

money in trifles, instead of buying  
*en, p. bagatelle, au lieu de, adv. acheter, v.*

books.

PRET. I built this house in one thousand seven  
*maison, f.*

hundred and seventy-nine. - - Your father yesterday  
*hier, adv.*

received agreeable news. - - - She burst into tears  
*fondre, v. en*

after your cousin was gone. - - - We sent him  
*après que, c. parti, p. p.*

(a great deal) of money unknown to your mo-  
*à l'insu, p. de*

ther. - - - Why did you not finish your work soon-  
*ouvrage, m.*

er? - - (As soon as) they perceived us, they (ran  
*Dès que, c. prirent la*

away.)

*fuire.*

FUT. I will (give in) my accounts (at the) be-  
*au*

ginning of next week. - - - My friend,  
*prochain, adj. semaine, f. amie,*

Mrs. R. will dine with me next Wednesday. - - - We  
*Mme Mercredi, m.*



shall seize the first opportunity to thank him  
*saisir, v. occasion, f. pour remercier, v.*  
 for his kindness. -- You will soon entertain  
*de bonté, f. bientôt, adv.*  
 a better opinion of him. -- Will not your sister  
*sœur, f.*

(come down stairs) to-day ?  
*descendre, v.*

COND. I would lay two guineas that your  
*gager, v.*  
 uncle is not yet arrived. -- If my father were rich, he  
*arriver, v. étoit*  
 would rebuild his country-house. -- Should we not  
*rebâtir, v. Devoir, v.*  
 express our gratitude toward those who  
*exprimer, v. reconnaissance, f. envers, p.*  
 do us good ? -- If you would, you could ren-  
*font, v. bien, m. voulez, v. ren-*  
 der great services to your country. --- I am cer-  
*dre, v. f. pays, m.*  
 tain (that) they would reward you, if you  
*récompenser, v.*  
 deserved it.  
*mériter, v.*

#### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Discharge with equity the duties of your  
*Remplir, v. équité devoir, m.*  
 office. --- Let him receive the punishment due  
*charge, f. punition, f. dû, p. p.*  
 to his crime. -- Let us give <sup>2</sup>God thanks<sup>1</sup> for the  
*rendre, v. grace à de*  
 good news we received yesterday. -- Imitate the great  
*hier, adv.*  
 actions of your ancestors. -- Let them enjoy the  
*ancêtres, m. jouir, v. de*  
 fruit of their labours.  
*travail, m.*

#### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. Write to me by the first post  
*Ecrivez, v. ordinaire, m.*  
 that I may receive your letter before my de-  
*afin que, c. avant, p. dé-*

parture from London. -- He does not understand you,  
*part, m. comprendre, v.*

though he hear what you say. --  
*quoique, c. entendre, v. subj. dites, v.*

She is never pleased, though we obey her in  
*content, adj. lui en, p.*

(every thing.) - - - I will tell it to you, pro-  
*tout dirai, v. pour-*

vided you do not speak of it to your sister. --  
*vu que, c.*

He will pay them, provided they wait a little  
*attendre, v.*

longer.

*plus long-temps, adv*

PRET. I wrote to your father (some time ago)  
*écrivis, v. il y a quelque temps*

that he might engage Mr. W. to come and  
*afin que, c. &*

spend the holidays with us. -- That she might  
*passer, v. vacance, f.*

reflect on her own conduct, and not on that of  
*propre, adj.*

others. -- He would not come to see us, lest,  
*voulut, v. & de peur que, c.*

we should perceive his bad designs. -- Your uncle  
*ne oncle, m.*

ordered that you should sell his two horses to  
*ordonner, v.*

Mr. B. -- I should be very sorry if they fell  
*que, c. tomber, v. subj.*

into bad hands.

*en*

### Promiscuous EXERCISES on the COMPOUND TENSES.

I have spoken to my father of it, but he has not  
 yet given me any answer. -- Have I not faith-  
*encore, adv. de*

fully executed your orders? -- Has your sister suc-  
 ceeded in her undertaking? -- Yes, she has, and I  
 have congratulated her (upon it.) - We have not yet re-  
*fêliciter, v. en*

ceived any remittance from America. -- Mrs. N. told  
*remise,*

me you had already sold the half of your  
*déjà,adv.* *moitié,f.*  
 goods. --- Why did you not pay those poor  
*marchandises.*  
 people? --- He would have been punished, if  
*gens,m.&f.pl.*  
 I had not defended his right. -- They have sold  
*droit,m.*  
 him four dozen of handkerchiefs at an exorbitant  
*mouchoir,* *à*  
 price; but they have warranted them fine and  
*prix,m.* *garantir,v.* *fin*  
 well worked. --- We thought you would have  
*travailler,v.* *croiyons,v.*  
 brought your brother with you. --- Have we not  
*frère*  
 been obliged to (wait for) Miss A.? --- If you had  
*d'attendre,v.*  
 trusted them with your goods, they would have  
*confier,v.leur* *ou* *marchandise,*  
 stolen the greatest part of them. -- It is for  
*partie,f.* *Ce,pro.*  
 that reason that my father has not (thought fit)  
*juger,v.à-propos*  
 to send them to you. --- Mr. D. had represented to  
 him all the danger of it. -- Mrs. F. has gained her  
*gagner,v.*  
 cause, but she has lost all her wealth. -- Had I  
*perdre,v.* *bien,m.*  
 not finished my work when she came in? ---  
*ouvrage,m.* *entrer,v.*  
 You would have received your money (a month ago,)  
*il y a un mois*  
 if the mail had not been robbed. -- Mrs. P. told me  
*malle,f.* *voler,p.p.*  
 she would have paid you (some time ago,) if she  
*il y a quelque temps,*  
 had sold her goods.

### CONJUGATION OF THE PASSIVE VERBS.

Verbs passive are very easily conjugated; it requires only that the participle passive of the verb, which is to

be conjugated, be joined to the auxiliary verb *être*, to be, through all its moods, tenses, numbers, and persons. It is to be observed, that in French the participle passive varies according to the gender and number of the noun or pronoun, which stands as the nominative to the verb: ex.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

<i>être</i>	aim-é,	ée, to be loved.
<i>être</i>	pun-i,	ie, to be punished.
<i>étant</i>	aim-é,	ée, being loved.
<i>étant</i>	pun-i,	ie, being punished.
<i>avoir été</i>	aim-é,	ée, to have been loved.
<i>avoir été</i>	pun-i,	ie, to have been punished.
<i>ayant été</i>	aim-é,	ée, having been loved.
<i>ayant été</i>	pun-i,	ie, having been punished.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

Singular.	M.	F.
<i>Je suis</i>	aim-é,	ée, &c. I am loved.
<i>Je suis</i>	pun-i,	ie, &c. I am punished.
Plural.		
<i>Nous sommes</i>	aim-és,	ées, &c. we are loved.
<i>Nous sommes</i>	pun-is,	ies, &c. we are punished.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

	M.	F.
<i>J'ai été</i>	pardonn-é,	ée, I have been forgiven.
<i>J'ai été</i>	pun-i,	ie, I have been punished.
<i>Nous avons été</i>	aim-és,	ées, we have been loved, &c.

## OF NEUTER VERBS.

The conjugations of the above verbs are, like all others, distinguished by their terminations, and conjugated in the same manner.

Learners may easily know a neuter verb from an active one ; because the latter generally has, or can always have, a direct case after it ; whereas the neuter verb never has, nor can have, but an indirect case : for instance,

*Dormir*, to sleep,  
*Venir*, to come,  
*Voyager*, to travel,

are neuter verbs ; because we cannot say,

<i>Dormir une maison,</i>	to sleep a house.
<i>Venir un livre,</i>	to come a book.
<i>Voyager la chambre,</i>	to travel the room, &c.

In the same manner,

<i>Jouir,</i>	to enjoy,
<i>Profiter,</i>	to profit by, to take advantage of,
<i>Parvenir,</i>	to attain, to reach.

are neuter verbs, because they can only govern an indirect case : ex.

<i>Jouir d'une grande réputation,</i>	To enjoy a great reputation.
<i>Profiter du tems,</i>	To take advantage of the weather.
<i>Parvenir à son but,</i>	To attain one's end.

As it is impossible for the neuter verbs to govern an absolute case, it follows that every verb of this kind, which governs an absolute case, can no longer be looked upon as a neuter : ex.

<i>Pleurer,</i>	to weep, to bewail,
<i>Sortir,</i>	to go out,
<i>Monter,</i>	to go up, or come up,
<i>Plaider, &amp;c.</i>	to plead,

are neuter verbs, but become active when they govern any object in the absolute case, or accusative : ex.

<i>Elle pleure ses péchés,</i>	She bewails her sins.
<i>Sortez ce cheval,</i>	Bring out that horse.
<i>Il plaida sa cause lui-même,</i>	He himself pleaded his cause.

But there are some neuter verbs which can never have an active signification, and which we are obliged to conjugate with the verb *faire*, when we wish to express an action passing from the subject who acts : ex.

<i>Ferai-je bouillir ou rôtir cette viande ?</i>	Shall I boil or roast that meat ?
<i>Faites-la bouillir,</i>	Boil it.

Some of the neuter verbs conjugate their compound tenses with the auxiliary verb *avoir*, to have ; others with the verb *être*, to be.

The general rule to know what neuter verbs conjugate their compound tenses with the auxiliary *avoir*, and which

are the others that are conjugated with the verb *être*, is to pay attention to the participle passive of the neuter verb which is conjugated.

If this participle be declinable, that is, if it can be applied to a man or a woman, or any other animated object, the compounds of its verbs are conjugated with the verb *être* : ex.

<i>Arriver</i> , to arrive,	<i>Tomber</i> , to fall, <i>Venir</i> , to come, &c.
<i>Mourir</i> , to die,	
<i>Naître</i> , to be born,	

take the auxiliary verb, *être* ; because we can say,

<i>Un homme arrivé</i> ,	a man ( <i>who is</i> ) arrived.
<i>Une femme morte</i> ,	a woman dead.
<i>Un enfant né</i> ,	a child born.
<i>Un cheval tombé</i> , &c.	a horse fallen.

If, on the contrary, the participle be indeclinable, that is, if it cannot be said of any animate object, the compound tenses of that verb must be conjugated with the verb *avoir* : ex.

<i>Dormir</i> , to sleep,	<i>Régner</i> , to reign, <i>Vivre</i> , to live, &c.
<i>Languir</i> , to languish, to linger.	

take the auxiliary verb *avoir* ; because we cannot say,

<i>Un homme dormi</i> ,	a man slept, (part. pass.)
<i>Une femme languie</i> ,	a woman languished, or lingered.
<i>Un enfant régné</i> ,	a child reigned.
<i>Un cheval vécu</i> , &c.	a horse lived.

The verb *courir* is in the last class, when it signifies the rapid motion of the body, moving in a certain direction with all the swiftness of its legs ; as we cannot, in this sense, say,

<i>Un homme couru</i> ,	a man run, (part. pass.)
<i>Une femme courue</i> ,	a woman run.

nor *je suis couru*, *j'étois couru*, &c. but *j'ai couru*, *j'avois couru*, &c.

When we say in French, *un homme couru*, *une femme courue*, we mean a man or woman much sought after, a person or thing we are very eager to see or hear : ex.

*Ce prédicateur est fort couru ;*  
*Cette danscuse est fort courue ;*

that is, people are very eager to hear that preacher, to see that dancer.

In the above general rule are not included some neuter verbs, which sometimes take the auxiliary *avoir*, and sometimes the auxiliary *être*: these are,

<i>Monter</i> , to go or come up.	<i>Demeurer</i> , to live, to dwell.
<i>Descendre</i> , to go or come down.	<i>Périr</i> , to perish.
<i>Sortir</i> , to go out.	<i>Passer</i> , to pass, to go by.
<i>Rester</i> , to stay, to remain.	<i>Echapper</i> , to escape.

*Monter* and *descendre*, often govern an absolute regimen, in which case they are considered as active verbs, and conjugated with the auxiliary *avoir*: ex.

<i>J'ai monté les degrés,</i>	<i>I have ascended the stairs,</i> <i>or gone up the stairs.</i>
<i>Nous avons descendu la montagne,</i>	<i>We have come down the mountain.</i>

When the above verbs are employed without regimen their compounds are conjugated with *être*: ex.

<i>Je suis descendu,</i>	<i>I am down.</i>
<i>Elle est déjà montée,</i>	<i>She is up already.</i>

*Sortir* is conjugated with the verb *être*, when it signifies to quit, to leave the place wherein one was dwelling, or living; but it is conjugated with the verb *avoir*, when we wish to convey the idea that we have been from home, and that we are come back again: ex.

<i>Il est sorti de prison,</i>	<i>He is out of prison.</i>
<i>J'ai sorti ce matin à dix heures,</i>	<i>I went out this morning at ten o'clock.</i>
<i>Avez vous sorti ce matin ?</i>	<i>Did you go out this morning ?</i>
<i>Nous n'avons pas sorti de tout le jour,</i>	<i>We have not been out all day.</i>
<i>Le roi n'a pas sorti de sa chambre,</i>	<i>The king has not been out of his room.</i>

*Demeurer* and *rester* take the auxiliary *avoir*, when we mean that we were, but are no longer in a place: ex.

<i>J'ai demeuré deux ans à la campagne,</i>	<i>I lived two years in the country.</i>
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*Il a resté vingt ans à Rome,* He resided twenty years at Rome.

On the contrary, they take the auxiliary *être*, while the person or persons are still in a place : ex.

*Il est demeuré à Londres* He has remained in London to solicit a bishopric.

*Nous sommes restés à York* We have tarried at York to conclude our affairs.

*Périr* indifferently takes either the auxiliary *avoir* or *être* : ex.

*Il est péri deux vaisseaux* 'Two ships have been lost at sea.

*Trois hommes ont péri par* Three men have perished by this storm,

*La plupart des équipages* Most of the crews perished in the waves, the rest perished through misery.

It seems, however, that the auxiliary *avoir* is more generally used.

*Passer* sometimes governs an indirect case, or is immediately followed by the preposition *par*, or some other, attended by a noun or pronoun ; in which case its compounds are conjugated with the auxiliary verb *avoir*, whether it be used in its proper signification or in a figurative sense : ex.

*Le roi a passé par Ken-* The king went through  
*sington pour aller à* Kensington to go to  
*Windsor,* Windsor.

*Nous avons passé devant* We went by the church.  
*l'église,*

*Elle a passé près du Parc* She went by St. James'  
*St. Jâques,* Park.

*La couronne de Naples a* The crown of Naples  
*passé dans la maison de* passed to the house of  
*Bourbon,* Bourbon.

In all other cases, *passer* takes the auxiliary *être* : ex.

*Le roi est passé, vous ne* The king is gone by, you  
*sauriez le voir,* cannot see him.

*Le beau tems est passé,* The fine weather is over.

*Vos chagrins sont passés,* Your sorrows are over.



We sometimes say, *ce mot est passé*, when we mean that it is no longer in use ; but when we say, *ce mot a passé*, we understand *has passed into the language*, which signifies that it has been received or adopted.

*Passer* is often a reflected passive verb ; then its compound tenses follow the rule of the reflective verbs.

*Passer*, in several cases, becomes an active verb, and governs an absolute case : ex.

<i>Passez cela sur le feu,</i>	Pass <i>that</i> over the fire.
<i>Les ennemis ont passé la rivière,</i>	The enemies have crossed the river.
<i>Passer l'épée, au travers du corps,</i>	To run one through the body.

*Echapper* has two significations : sometimes it is used in the sense of *éviter*, to avoid, when it is conjugated with the auxiliary *avoir*, and governs the dative case ; sometimes it signifies to come or go out by force or stratagem from a place in which one was confined or shut up ; in this case, it takes the verb *être* for auxiliary : ex.

<i>Vous avez échappé là à un grand danger,</i>	You have escaped a great danger.
<i>Il a échappé à la mort,</i>	He <i>has</i> escaped death.
<i>Ils sont échappés de leur prison, or,</i>	They <i>have</i> escaped from their prison, or, made their escape.
<i>Ils se sont échappés de leur prison,</i>	
<i>On la tenoit depuis quelques jours, mais elle est échappée, or, elle s'est échappée,</i>	They had her for some days, but she <i>has</i> escaped, or, made her escape.

N. B. Exercises on the neuter verbs will be found among the irregular, whenever they occur.

### REFLECTED VERBS.

We call *reflected*, or *reflective*, a verb whose subject and object are the same person or thing ; so that the subject that acts, acts upon itself, and is at the same time the agent and the object of the action : ex.

<i>Je me connois,</i>	<i>I know myself,</i>
<i>Tu te loues,</i>	<i>Thou praisest thyself,</i>
<i>Il se blesse,</i>	<i>He wounds himself,</i>
<i>Nous nous chauffons,</i>	<i>We warm ourselves,</i>

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In order to express the relation of the nominative to the verb with its regimen or object, we always make use of the conjunctive pronouns, *me, te, se, myself, thyself, himself, herself, itself*, for the singular ; *nous, vous, se, ourselves, yourselves, themselves*, for the plural. But it frequently happens, that in *English*, the second pronoun is implied, though it must be expressed in *French* : ex.

<i>Je me souviens,</i>	I remember.
<i>Elle ne veut pas se marier,</i>	She will not marry.
<i>Nous nous plaignons, &amp;c.</i>	We complain, &c.

The reflected verbs may be divided in the following manner, viz.

<i>Verbes réfléchis par la signification,</i>	Verbs reflective by signification.
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A verb reflected by signification is properly a verb wherein the person or thing that acts, is at the same time the object of the action : ex.

<i>Je me chauffe,</i>	I warm myself.
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A verb is reflective by expression when we add to it the double pronoun, without the person or thing that acts being the object of the action : such as,

<i>Je me repens,</i>	I repent,
<i>Il s'en va,</i>	He is going away,
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which merely signify *Je suis repentant, il va, elle meurt, nous apercevons notre erreur.*

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indirect regimen, (that is, governed in the dative case,) we call it *reflective indirect* : thus,

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<i>Ce bruit se répand,</i>	<i>That rumour is spread.</i>
<i>Ces fruits se mangent en hiver,</i>	<i>These fruits are eaten in winter.</i>
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Some authors call *réci-proque*, reciprocal, all those reflected verbs ; but this denomination to me has appeared insufficient to determine accurately the nature and use of these verbs. Others limit the reciprocal verb to signify what two persons or two things reciprocally do to each other : thus,

<i>Pierre et Jean se battent,</i>	Peter and John are fighting, <i>or beating each other,</i>
<i>Paul et Robert s'aiment,</i>	Paul and Robert love <i>each other,</i>
<i>Le feu et l'eau se détruisent,</i>	Fire and water destroy <i>each other,</i>

are reciprocal verbs, because it is as if we said, *Pierre et Jean se battent réciproquement l'un l'autre, Paul et Robert s'aiment réciproquement l'un l'autre.*

This distinction of the reciprocal verbs may be adopted, observing at the same time, that we often prefix the preposition *entre* to the verb, the better to express the reciprocity : ex.

<i>Pierre et Jean s'entr'aiment,</i>	Peter and John love <i>each other.</i>
<i>Ils s'entrelouent,</i>	They praise <i>each other.</i>
<i>Elles s'entrehaïssent,</i>	They hate <i>each other.</i>
<i>Le feu et l'eau s'entredétruisent, &amp;c.</i>	Fire and water destroy <i>each other.</i>

All the reflected and reciprocal verbs, without exception are conjugated with the auxiliary verb *être*, hence it may be supposed how much French people are shocked to hear any one, who has learned that language, say,

<i>Je m'ai acheté un cheval,</i>	I bought myself a horse ;
<i>Je m'avois blessé,</i>	I <i>had</i> hurt myself ;
<i>Il s'a fait mal,</i>	He <i>has</i> hurt himself ;
<i>Elle s'avoit moqué de moi,</i>	She <i>had</i> laughed at me ;
&c.	

expressions too commonly made use of by many English people, who speak without knowledge of the principles of the language ; whereas we must say,

*Je me suis acheté un cheval,*  
*Je m'étois blessé,*

<i>Il s'est fait mal,</i>	
<i>Elle s'étoit moqué de moi,</i>	
<i>Nous nous sommes informés,</i>	We have inquired.
<i>Ils se sont promenés,</i>	They have walked.
<i>Il s'est passé d'étranges choses depuis votre départ,</i>	Strange things have happened since your departure.
<i>Il s'est passé bien des années depuis que j'ai ouï parler de cette affaire,</i>	Many years have elapsed since I heard of that affair.

It must be owned, that in the compounds of most part of these verbs, the verb *être* is but the substitute of the verb *avoir* ; but it is impossible to use *avoir* as auxiliary to a verb which has for its objective case a conjunctive pronoun that relates to the principle of the action of that verb, and which precedes the auxiliary ; for, though we say,

*Il a voulu se tuer,* He would kill himself ;

yet, if we change the place of the pronoun, we must say, *Il s'est voulu tuer*, which is the idiom of the language.

## CONJUGATION OF THE REFLECTED VERBS.

The conjugation of the following verb may serve as a model for all the reflected or reciprocal verbs, of the four conjugations.

### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Se promener</i> , to walk,
Part. act.	<i>Se promenant</i> , walking.
	M. Sing. F.
Part. pass.	<i>promen-é ée</i> , walked.
	M. Plural. F.
Part. pass.	<i>promen-és, ées</i> , walked.

### COMPOUND TENSES.

Pres.	<i>S'être promené</i> , to have walked.
Past.	<i>S'étant promené</i> , having walked.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Je me promène*, I walk, or do walk, or am walking.

*Tu te promènes*,

*Il se promène*,

## Plural.

*Nous nous promenons*, we walk, do walk, or are, &c.

*Vous vous promenez*,

*Ils se promènent*,

## Imperfect. Singular.

*Je me promenois*, I did walk, or walked, or was walking.

*Tu te promenois*,

*Il se promenoit*,

## Plural.

*Nous nous promenions*, we did walk, walked, or were

*Vous vous promeniez*, walking,

*Ils se promenoient*,

## Preterite. Singular.

*Je me promenai*, I did walk, or walked.

*Tu te promenâs*,

*Il se promena*,

## Plural.

*Nous nous promenâmes*, we did walk, or walked.

*Vous vous promenâtes*,

*Ils se promenèrent*,

## Future. Singular.

*Je me promènerai*, I shall, or will walk.

*Tu te promèneras*,

*Ils se promènera*,

## Plural.

*Nous nous promènerons*, we shall, or will walk.

*Vous vous promèneriez*,

*Ils se promèneront*,

## Conditional. Singular.

*Je me promènerois*, I would, should, or could walk.

*Tu te promèneriez*,

*Ils se promèneroient*,

## Plural.

*Nous nous promènerions*, we would, should, &c. walk.

*Vous vous promèneriez*,

*Il se promèneroient*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

Present. *Je me suis promen-é, ée*, I have walked.

Imperfect. *Je m'étois promen-é, ée*, I had walked.



- Preterite. *Je me fus promen-é, ée*, I had walked.  
 Future. *Je me serai promener-é, ée*, I shall or will have walked.  
 Conditional. *Je me serois promen-é, ée*, I should, &c. have walked.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Promène-toi\**, walk thou.*Qu'il se promène*, let him walk.

Plural.

*Promenons-nous\**, let us walk.*Promenez-vous\**, walk ye.*Qu'ils se promènent*, let them walk.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present. Singular.

*Que je me promène*, that I may walk.*tu te promènes*,*il se promène*,

Plural.

*nous nous promenions*, that we may walk.*vous vous promeniez*,*ils se promènent*,

Preterite. Singular.

*Que je me promenasse*, that I might walk.*tu te promenasses*,*il se promenât*,

Plural.

*nous nous promenassions*, that we might walk.*vous vous promenassiez*,*ils se promenassent*,

## COMPOUND TENSES.

M. F.

Present. *Que je me sois promen-é, ée*, that I may have walked.Preterite. *Que je me fusse promen-é, ée*, that I might have walked.

\* When the verb is conjugated with a *negation*, these three pronouns are put before the verb: ex. *ne vous promenez pas*, do not walk; and *toi* is changed into *te*: *ne te promène pas*.

The learner may here be again reminded, that it is necessary to conjugate this verb with a negation and interrogation : ex.

<i>Je ne me promène pas,</i>	I do not walk.
<i>Vous promenez-vous ?</i>	Do you walk ?
<i>Né se promène-t-il pas ?</i>	Does he not walk ?

#### COMPOUND TENSES.

<i>Me suis-je promené ?</i>	Have I walked ? or did I walk ?
<i>Né vous êtes-vous pas chauffé ?</i>	Have you not warmed yourself ? or did you not warm yourself ?
<i>Mon cousin s'est-il informé ?</i>	Has my cousin inquired ? or did my cousin inquire ?
<i>Votre frère ne s'est-il pas repenti ?</i>	Has not your brother repented ? or did not your brother repent ?

We say in French,

<i>Se promener à cheval, en carrosse,</i>	To take a ride, an airing on horseback, in a coach.
<i>Se promener sur l'eau, sur la rivière,</i>	To go upon water, on the river.

#### EXERCISES UPON THE REFLECTED VERBS.

*N. B.* Verbs marked thus \* are irregular : see the irregular verbs alphabetically arranged under each conjugation.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

<b>PRES.</b>	I	rise	(early)	every
	<i>Se lever, v.</i>	<i>de bonne heure, adv.</i>		<i>tous les</i>
	morning. - - -	Does not your brother remember		
	<i>matin, m. pl.</i>		<i>se ressouvenir, v. *</i>	
	to have seen	me ? - - My sister	is not well ; she	
	<i>de vu, p. p.</i>	<i>sœur, f †</i>	<i>se porter,</i>	
	applies	herself (too much) to study. - - -	We	
	<i>s'appliquer, v.</i>	<i>trop, adv.</i>		

† When we mean to express the state of a person's health, instead of the verb *être*, we must use the reflected one, *se porter* :

*Ma sœur ne se porte pas bien,* My sister is not well. \*

rejoice at the good news (which) he has brought  
*se réjouir, v. de* *nouvelle, f.* *apporté, p. p.*

us. - - When do you intend to go and see  
*se proposer, v.* *de aller, v.* *et voir, v.*

Mrs. H. ? - - - Do you not repent what you  
*se repentir, v.\** *de*

have done to her ? - - I believe your brothers  
*fait, p. p.* *croire, v.\**

are not well ; for I have not seen them this  
 † *car, c.* *vu, p. p.*

week.

*semaine, f.*

IMP. I was riding on horseback in the park,  
*se promener, v.* *parc, m.*

when I met him. - - Was he not warm-  
*quand, c.* *rencontrer, v.* *se chauf-*

ing himself when you (came in) ? - - - We did not  
*fer, v.* *entrer, v.*

imagine he would succeed so well. - - You were  
*s'imaginer, v.* *réussir, v.*

boasting (too much) of what you have done for  
*se vanter, v.* *trop* *fait, p. p.*

him. - - - They did not expect that they should  
*s'attendre, v.* *à* *et* *et*

meet us.

PRET. I inquired after you yesterday. - - -  
*s'informer, v.* *de* *hier, adv.*

Did not my son behave well in the last  
*se comporter, v.* *dernier, adj.*

war ? - - Corn was sold yesterday for twelve shil-  
*guerre, f.* *se vendre, v.* *et*

lings a bushel. - - We saw ourselves surrounded by  
*se voir, v.\** *entouré, p. p.*

more than twenty persons in an instant. - - - Did you  
*en, p.*

not find yourselves obliged to go  
*se trouver, v.* *obligé, p. p.* *de aller, v.*

there ? - - - - They did not stop one minute.  
*s'arrêter, v.*

FUT. I will not complain of you, if you  
*se plaindre, v.\**

\* Remember that verbs marked thus are irregular.

promise me to behave better. -- Will your  
*promettre, v.\** *de* *mieux, adv.*  
 bird (grow tame) ? -- Shall we submit our-  
*oiseau, m.* *s'apprivoiser, v.* *se soumettre, v.\**  
 selves to his judgment. -- You will ruin your-  
*jugement, m.* *se ruiner, v.*  
 selves if you continue (gaming). --- Will they not  
*continuer, v.* *de jouer, v.*  
 perceive it (as soon as) they come into the  
*s'apercevoir, v.* *en* *dès que, c.* *entrer, v. fut.*  
 room ?

COND If I were in your place, I would  
*étois à*  
 not vex myself. --- Would she not (make her  
*se chagriner, v.* *s'échap-*  
 escape) ? -- We would embark (this day)  
*per, v.* *s'embarquer, v.* *aujourd'hui, adv.*  
 if the weather (would permit.) --- Would you embark so  
*temps, m. le permettoit, v.*  
 soon ? --- Why would you expose yourselves to their  
*tôt, adv.* *s'exposer, v.*  
 fury ? -- They would agree very well,  
*fureur, v.* *s'accorder, v.* *bien, adv.*  
 if they were not so proud.  
*orgueilleux, adj.*

#### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

I give you leave to go out, but  
*donner, v.* *permission de sortir, v.* *mais, c.*  
 do not overheat yourself. -- Let him amuse him-  
*s'échauffer, v.* *s'amuser, v.*  
 self a little in my garden. --- Let us remem-  
*un peu, adv.* *jardin, m.* *se ressou-*  
 ber what we are to do. --- Endeavour to  
*venir de, v.\** † *faire, v.* *S'efforcer, v.* *de*  
 please your master, and do not so often mis-  
*plaire, v. à* *maître, m.* *se trom-*  
 take in the tenses, numbers, and persons of the  
*per, v.* *temps*  
 verb. --- Let them (fall asleep.)\*  
*s'endormir, v.*

† See the note, p. 197.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

PRES. I must apply myself to the  
*Il faut que, s'appliquer, v.*  
 French language. -- I will hide it, lest  
*langue, f. cacher, de peur que, c.*  
 she should perceive it. --- Provided  
*ne s'apercevoir, v. en, pro. Pourvu que, c.*  
 we remember to ask him how his  
*de demander, v. lui, comment, adv.*  
 mother does. --- (In order that) you may not  
*se porter, v. Afin que, c.*  
 boast (so much.) -- I have told them who you  
*se vanter, v. tant, adv. dit, p.p.*  
 are, that they may behave better another time.  
*afin que, c. fois, f.*

PRET. That I might not ruin myself. ---  
*se ruiner, v.*  
 That he might not meddle with my affairs. ---  
*se mêler, v. de*  
 That we might excuse ourselves. --- That you  
*s'excuser, v.*  
 might not go away. --- That they might not  
*s'en aller, v.\**  
 repent too late.  
*se repentir, v.\* trop tard, adv.*

## COMPOUND TENSES.

(Read with attention the remarks, p. 218.)

I have inquired after you and your sister. ---  
*s'informer, v. de*  
 He says you have not been well while you  
*dit, v. pendant que, c.*  
 were in the country. --- Has not your cousin  
*à campagne, f. cousin, m.*  
 laughed at me? --- Did we not get up at six  
*se moquer, v. de se lever, v.*  
 (o'clock)? --- They have perceived the trick, but  
*heure du tour, m.*  
 it was too late. --- Did you remember \* me  
*ce se souvenir, v. de*

I had not applied myself enough. - - - Had  
*s'appliquer, v.* *assez, adv.*  
 not your sister imagined, that they would have  
*s'imaginer, v.*  
 found themselves obliged to go to France. - - -  
*se trouver, v.* *obligé, p.p.* *de* †  
 He has wounded himself in attempting to injure  
*se blesser, v.* *essayer, v.* *de nuire, v.*  
 me. - - - We had thought ourselves able  
*se croire, v.\** *capable, adj.*  
 to resist them, but we have (been deceived.)  
*de résister, v.* *leur* *mais, c.* *se tromper, v.*  
 - - - Did you not hide yourselves (in order)  
*se cacher, v.* *afin*  
 to surprise them? - - - - When (I shall)  
*de surprendre, v.* *Quand, adv.*  
 have walked five or six minutes in the gar-  
*minute* *jar-*  
 den, I will rest myself. - - - - Why did you  
*din, m.* *se reposer, v.*  
 exhaust yourself as you have done? - - - - Our  
*s'épuiser, v.* *fait, p.p.*  
 sailors would have behaved with more reso-  
*matelot, m.*  
 lution. - - Would you not have excused yourself? - -  
*s'excuser, v.*  
 When they† have repented their faults, I  
*se repentir, v.\* de*  
 will forgive them. - - If I had been in your place, I  
*avois* *à*  
 would not have meddled with their affairs. - - -  
*se mêler, v.* *de*  
 Your friend would not have complained of you,  
*se plaindre, v.\**  
 and you never would have (fallen out) for so small  
*se brouiller, v.* *si peu*  
 a matter.  
*de chase.*

## CONJUGATION OF THE IRREGULAR VERBS.

These are called *irregulars* because their conjugation

\* See the N. B. p. 54.

† After *when* and a few other conjunctions *will*, and *shall*, signs of the future, are implied in English.

deviates from the general rule, either by their terminations, or the want of some of their moods, tenses, persons, or numbers. The *personal pronouns* must now be supplied in French by the student.

## VERB OF THE FIRST CONJUGATION.

*ALLER*, TO GO.

### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Aller</i> , to go.
Part.	<i>Allant</i> , going.
Part. pass.	<i>Allé, ée</i> , gone.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

#### Present.

Sing.	<i>Vais, vas, va,</i>	I go, do go, or am going.
Plur.	<i>Allons, allez, vont,</i>	

#### Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Allois, allois, alloit,</i>	I did go, or was going.
Plur.	<i>Allions, alliez, alloient,</i>	

#### Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Allai, allas, alla,</i>	I went, or did go.
Plur.	<i>Allâmes, allâtes, allèrent,</i>	

#### Future.

Sing.	<i>Irai, iras, ira,</i>	I shall, or will go.
Plur.	<i>Irons, irez, iront,</i>	

#### Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Irois, irois, iroit,</i>	I should, could, would, or
Plur.	<i>Irions, iriez, iroient,</i>	might go.

### IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Va</i> , go thou ; <i>qu'il aille</i> , let him go.
Plur.	<i>Allons, allez, qu'ils, aillent.</i>

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

#### Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Aille,</i>	<i>ailles,</i>	<i>aille,</i>	that I may go.
Plur.	<i>Allions,</i>	<i>alliez,</i>	<i>aillent,</i>	

#### Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Allasse,</i>	<i>allasses,</i>	<i>allât,</i>	that I might go.
Plur.	<i>Allassions,</i>	<i>allassiez,</i>	<i>allassent,</i>	

N. B. The preferite of the verb *être*, *je fus*, *tu fus*, &c. has been used by respectable authors and in conversation for *j'allai*, *tu allas*, but now it is thought unnecessary.

Among the compound tenses of this verb, it is to be remarked, that those which are formed by the participle *allé*, signify that we are or were yet in the place mentioned at the time we are or were speaking. Whence it follows, that the first person of the compound of the present,

*Je suis allé,*

I have gone, &c.

*Tu es allé, &c.*

can seldom be used in discourse ; for we cannot naturally say that we are still in a place which can only be mentioned in a past time, after we have left it ; therefore we make use of the compound tenses of the verb *être*, as *j'ai été*, *tu as été*, *j'eus été*, *j'avois été*, *j'aurois été*, &c ; for when we say,

*Il est allé à Londres,*

He is gone to London.

we give to understand, that he is still in London, or is on his way, going to London : on the contrary,

*Il a été à Londres,*

He has been at London.

means, that he has been to London, but is returned.

The above verb is also conjugated as a reflected one, with the particle *en* : ex.

*S'en aller*, to go away.

*Je m'en vais*, I go or am going away.

*Tu t'en vas*, thou goest or art going away.

*Il s'en va*, he goes or is going away.

*Nous nous en allons*, we go or are going away.

*Vous vous en allez*, you go or are going away.

*Ils s'en vont*, they go or are going away.

Negatively.

*Je ne m'en vais pas*, I am not going away.

*Il ne s'en va pas*, he is not going away.

*Nous ne nous en allons pas*, we are not going away.

*Vous ne vous en allez pas*, &c. you are not going away, &c.

Interrogatively.

*S'en va-t-il ?* Is he going away ?

*Vous en allez-vous ?* &c. are you going away ? &c.

*Ne s'en vont-ils pas ?* &c. are they not going away ? &c.

The Imperative Mood is thus conjugated :



## Singular.

*Va-t'en*, go thou away.*Qu'il s'en aille*, let him go away.

## Plural.

*Allons-nous en*, let us go away.*Allez-vous en*, go away.*Qu'ils s'en aillent*, let them go away.

Its compound tenses are,

*Je m'en suis allé*, I have gone away.*Je m'en étois allé*, I had gone away.*Je m'en fus allé*, I had gone away.*Je m'en serai allé*, I shall have gone away, &c.*Je m'en serois allé*, I should have gone away.

## VERBS OF THE SECOND CONJUGATION.

*ACQUERIR*, TO ACQUIRE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Acquérir*, to acquire.Part. act. *Acquérant*, acquiring.Part. pass. *Acquis se*, acquired.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Acquiers*, *acquiers*, *acquiert*, I acquire, or amPlur. *Acquérons*, *acquérez*, *acquèrent*, acquiring

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Acquérois*, *acquérois*, *acquéroit*, I did acquire, orPlur. *Acquérions*, *acquériez*, *acquéroient*, was acquiring

## Preterite.

Sing. *Acquis*, *acquis*, *acquît*, I acquired, or didPlur. *Acquîmes*, *acquîtes*, *acquîrent*, acquire.

## Future.

Sing. *Acquerrai*, *acquerras*, *acquerra*, I shall, or willPlur. *Acquerrons*, *acquerez*, *acquerront*, acquire.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Acquerrois*, *acquerrois*, *acquerroit*, I should, would,

or could acquire

Plur. *Acquérriions*, *acquerriez*, *acquerroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Acquiers*, *acquière*, acquire thou.Plur. *Acquérons*, *acquérez*, *acquièrent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Acquière,</i>	<i>acquières,</i>	<i>acquière,</i>	that I may ac-
Plur.	<i>Acquérions,</i>	<i>acquériez,</i>	<i>acquièrez,</i>	quire.

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Acquisse,</i>	<i>acquisses,</i>	<i>acquît,</i>	that I might ac-
Plur.	<i>Acquissions,</i>	<i>acquissiez,</i>	<i>acquissent,</i>	quire.

**QUERIR**, TO FETCH.

The primitive of the above verb is never used but in the present of the infinitive mood : ex.

*Envoyez-moi, quérir*, Send for me.

**CONQUERIR**, TO CONQUER ; **REQUERIR**, TO REQUIRE ; are conjugated like **ACQUERIR**.

**BOUILLIR**, TO BOIL.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Bouillir</i> , to boil.
Part. act.	<i>Bouillant</i> , boiling.
Part. pass.	<i>Bouilli, ie</i> , boiled.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Bous,</i>	<i>bous,</i>	<i>bout</i> , I boil, or am boiling
Plur.	<i>Bouillons,</i>	<i>bouillez,</i>	<i>bouillent</i> ,

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Bouillois,</i>	<i>bouillois,</i>	<i>bouilloit</i> , I did boil, or was
Plur.	<i>Bouillions,</i>	<i>bouillez,</i>	<i>bouilloient</i> , boiling.

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Bouillis,</i>	<i>bouillis,</i>	<i>bouillit</i> , I boiled, or did boil.
Plur.	<i>Bouillîmes,</i>	<i>bouillîtes,</i>	<i>bouillirent</i> ,

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Bouillirai,</i>	<i>bouilliras,</i>	<i>bouillira</i> , I shall, or will boil.
Plur.	<i>Bouillirons,</i>	<i>bouillirez,</i>	<i>bouilliront</i> ,

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Bouillirois,</i>	<i>bouillirois,</i>	<i>bouilliroit</i> , I should, would, or
Plur.	<i>Bouillirions,</i>	<i>bouilliriez,</i>	<i>bouilliroient</i> , could boil

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Bous,</i>	<i>bouille,</i>	boil thou.
Plur.	<i>Bouillons,</i>	<i>bouillez,</i>	<i>bouillent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Bouille,</i>	<i>bouilles,</i>	<i>bouille,</i>	that I may boil.
Plur.	<i>Bouillions,</i>	<i>bouilliez,</i>	<i>bouillent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Bouïllisse,</i>	<i>bouïllisses,</i>	<i>bouïllît,</i>	that I might boil.
Plur.	<i>Bouïllissions,</i>	<i>bouïllissiez,</i>	<i>bouïllissent,</i>	

This verb, as well as its compound *rebouillir*, to boil again, is but seldom used, except in the *third person singular* or *plural*, and in its *infinitive mood*, which is commonly joined to the verb *Faire*, to render it *active*, and use it in all persons : ex.

*Faites bouillir cette viande,* Boil that meat.

**COURIR**, TO RUN.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Courir,</i>	to run.
Part. act.	<i>Courant,</i>	running.
Part. pass.	<i>Couru, ue,</i>	to run.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Cours,</i>	<i>cours,</i>	<i>court,</i>	I run, or am running.
Plur.	<i>Courons,</i>	<i>courez,</i>	<i>courent,</i>	

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Courois,</i>	<i>courois,</i>	<i>couroit,</i>	I did run, or was run
Plur.	<i>Courions,</i>	<i>couriez,</i>	<i>couroient,</i>	ning

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Courus,</i>	<i>courus,</i>	<i>courut,</i>	I ran, or did run.
Plur.	<i>Courûmes,</i>	<i>courûtes,</i>	<i>coururent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Courrai,</i>	<i>courras,</i>	<i>courra,</i>	I shall, or will run.
Plur.	<i>Courrons,</i>	<i>courez,</i>	<i>courront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing. *Courrois*, *courrois*, *courroit*, I should, would,  
 Plur. *Courrions*, *courriez*, *courroient*, or could run.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Cours*, *coure*, run thou.  
 Plur. *Courons*, *courez*, *courent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que* *que* *que*  
*Coure*, *coures*, *coure*, that I may run.  
 Plur. *Courions*, *couriez*, *courent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Courusse*, *courusses*, *courût*, that I might run  
 Plur. *Courussions*, *courussiez*, *courussent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Accourir</i> , to run to.	<i>Parcourir</i> , to run over.
<i>Concourir</i> , to concur.	<i>Recourir</i> , to have recourse
<i>Discourir</i> , to discourse.	to.
<i>Encourir</i> , to incur.	<i>Secourir</i> , to succour, to
	assist.

**COUVRIR**, TO COVER.

See **OUVRIER**, TO OPEN.

**CUEILLIR**, TO GATHER.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Cueillir*, to gather,  
 Part. act. *Cueillant*, gathering.  
 Part. pass. *Cueilli*, ie, gathered.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Cueille*, *cueilles*, *cueille*, I gather or am gathering.  
 Plur. *Cueillons*, *cueillez*, *cueillent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Cueillois*, *cueillois*, *cueilloit*, I did gather, or was  
 Plur. *Cueillions*, *cueilliez*, *cueilloient*, gathering.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Cueillis*, *cueillis*, *cueillit*, I gathered, or did gath-  
 Plur. *Cueillimes*, *cueillites*, *cueillirent*, er

## Future.

Sing. *Cueillera*i, *cueilleras*, *cueillera*, I shall, or will  
 Plur. *Cueillerons*, *cueillerez*, *cueilleront*, gather.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Cueillerois*, *cueillerois*, *cueilleroit*, I should, would,  
 or could gather.

Plur. *Cueillerions*, *cueilleriez*, *cueilleroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Cueille*, *cueille*, gather thou.

Plur. *Cueillons*, *cueillez*, *cueillent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que que que*

Sing. *Cueille*, *cueilles*, *cueille*, that I may gather.

Plur. *Cueillions*, *cueilliez*, *cueillent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Cueillisse*, *cueillisses*, *cueillit*, that I might

Plur. *Cueillissions*, *cueillissiez*, *cueillissent*, gather.

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Accueillir</i> , to make wel-		<i>Recueillir</i> , to gather to-
come.		gether.

**DORMIR**, TO SLEEP.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Dormir*, to sleep.

Part. act. *Dormant*, sleeping.

Part. pass. *Dormi*, ie, slept.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Dors*, *dors*, *dort*, I sleep, or am sleeping.

Plur. *Dormons*, *dormez*, *dorment*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Dormois*, *dormois*, *dormoit*, I did sleep, or was

Plur. *Dormions*, *dormiez*, *dormoient*, sleeping.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Dormis*, *dormis*, *dormit*, I slept, or did sleep.

Plur. *Dormîmes*, *dormîtes*, *dormirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Dormirai*, *dormiras*, *dormira*, I shall, or will

Plur. *Dormirons*, *dormirez*, *dormiront*, sleep.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Dormirois, dormirois, dormiroit*, I would, could, or  
 Plur. *Dormirions, dormiriez, dormiroient*, should sleep.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Dors, dorme*, sleep thou.  
 Plur. *Dormons, dormez, dorment*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que que que*  
 Sing. *Dorme, dormes, dorme*, that I may sleep.  
 Plur. *Dormions, dormiez, dorment*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Dormisse, dormissès, dormît*, that I might sleep.  
 Plur. *Dormissions, dormissiez, dormissent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

*Endormir*, to make sleep. | *Se rendormir*, to fall asleep  
*S'endormir*, to fall asleep. | again.

## EXERCISES ON THE FOREGOING VERBS

## AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.

Where are you going? - - - I am going to the  
*Où*,adv.

play. - - - I would go with you, if I had time. - - Why  
*comédie*,f.

are they going away so soon? - - - Will not your father  
 be angry, if you go there without him? - - - We were  
*fâché*,adj.

going to Miss D——'s, when we met you.  
*chez*,p. *avons rencontré*,p.p.

- - These men went yesterday from house to house. - -

Believe me, sir, do not go to see them. - - Your father  
*Croire*,v. *voir*,v.

told me (that) you will go to France and Italy as soon  
*dire*,v.

as the war (is over.) - - My sister and I, went last  
*sera finie*. *dernier*,adj.

Wednesday to Vauxhall. - - - If you had gone thither  
 an hour sooner you would have heard fine music.

*plutôt*,adv. *entendre*,v.

-- Your uncle has acquired a great name in America.

-- My father went to pay <sup>nom,m.</sup> your<sup>2</sup> uncle<sup>3</sup> a visit<sup>1</sup>  
*rendre,v.*

last week, and he did not welcome him (as a) friend.

--- Did he not ? I am sorry for it. --- Mr. Dubois,  
 the king's silversmith, has brought the watch : it  
*orfèvre*

now <sup>en,p.</sup> goes very well. --- Go and fetch me  
*maintenant,adv.*

the letter I left in my room. --- I have (sent for)  
*laisser,v.* (*envoyé quérir*)

him. --- Boil this chicken, and roast that goose.  
*poulet,m.* *rôtir,v.* *oie,f.*

--- At last we have conquered. --- This  
*Enfin,adv.*

water will soon boil. --- Boil that meat  
*bientôt,adv.*

again ; it is not done enough. --- Do not run so  
*cuit,p.p.*

fast ; you will be tired. --- 'They always run,  
*vite,adv.* *fatigué,p.p.*

when they go to see their aunt. --- Your brother  
*tante,f.*

runs faster than I. --- When he heard that his  
*apprit,v.*

friend was in danger, he ran instantly to him. ---  
*étoit* *aussitôt,adv.* *à*

Let us not discourse any more on that subject. --- I  
*sujet,m.*

would assist him with all my heart, if I could. --- This  
*pouvois*

gentleman is a great traveller : he has run over all  
*Monsieur* *voyageur,m.*

Europe. --- Let him go away, for I do not wish to  
*Europe,f.* *car,c.* *veux,v.* *s.*

speak to him. --- If you do it, you will incur your  
*faire,v.*

father's displeasure. --- That would concur to the pub-  
*déplaisir,m.* *Cela*

lic good. --- When children are guilty, they generally  
*bien,m.* *coupable,adj.*

have recourse to some falsehood. - - For whom are you  
*quelque mensonge.*

gathering those charming flowers? - - I gather them for  
*fleur, f.*

my mother. - - - Why do they not gather some roses? - -  
*rose, f.*

Mrs. P. would have gathered some, but the gardner  
*Mme* *jardinier, m.*

told her he would gather them himself. - - Of all nations  
none has welcomed the poor French clergy better  
*clergé, m.*

than the English nation. - - - Do not make any noise,  
*faire, v.*

for my sister (is asleep.) - - I hope she will sleep better to-  
*car, c.* *ce*

night. - She would sleep much better, if she were in her  
*soir, m.*

bed. - - If I do not walk a little, I shall fall asleep.  
*lit, m.* *se promener, v.*

- - My mother, sister, brother, and I, went yesterday to  
Medford, to see Miss Keen. - - - Did you go thither

*Mlle*  
on foot? - - - No, my mother and sister went in a  
*à* *en, p.* *en*

coach, and my brother and I on horseback.

*à cheval, m.*

# **FUIR, TO SHUN, TO AVOID, TO FLEE.**

## **INFINITIVE MOOD.**

Present. *Fuir*, to flee.

Part. act. *Fuyant*, fleeing.

Part. pass. *Fui*, ie, fled.

## **INDICATIVE MOOD.**

### **Present.**

Sing. *Fuis*, *fuis*, *fuit*, I flee.

Plur. *Fuyons*, *fuyez*, *fuient*,

### **Imperfect.**

Sing. *Fuyois*, *fuyois*, *fuyoil*, I fled, or did flee.

Plur. *Fuyions*, *fuyiez*, *fuyoient*,

### **Preterite.**

Sing. *Fuis*, *fuis*, *fuit*,

Plur. *Fûmes*, *fuûtes*, *fuirent*, or we may say, *Je pris la fuite*, &c.



## Future.

Sing. *Fuirai, fuiras, fuira*, I shall, or will flee.  
 Plur. *Fuirons, fuirez, fuiront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Fuirois, fuirois, fuiroit*, I should, would, or could  
 Plur. *Fuirions, fuiriez, fuiraient*, flee.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Fuis, fuie*, flee thou.  
 Plur. *Fuyons, fuyez, fuient*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que fuie, que fuies, que fuie*, that I may flee  
 Plur. *Fuyions, fuyiez, fuient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Que Fuisse, que fuisses, que fût*, that I might flee.  
 Plur. *Fuissions, fuissiez, fuissent*, or  
*Je prisse la fuite, &c. that I might flee, &c.*  
*S'enfuir*, to run away.

**MENTIR**, TO LIE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Mentir*, to lie.  
 Part. act. *Mentant*, lying.  
 Part. pass. *Menti, ie*, lied.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Mens, mens, ment*, I lie.  
 Plur. *Mentons, mentez, mentent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Mentois, mentois, mentoit*, I did lie, or was lying  
 Plur. *Mentions, mentiez, mentoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Mentis, mentis, mentit*, I lied, or did lie.  
 Plur. *Mentimes, mentites, mentirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Mentirai, mentiras, mentira*, I shall, or will lie.  
 Plur. *Mentirons, mentirez, mentiront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Mentirois, mentirois, mentiroit*, I would, could, or  
 Plur. *Mentirions, mentiriez, mentiroient*, should lie.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Mens, mente*, lie thou.  
 Plur. *Mentons, mentez, mentent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que Mente, mentes, mente*, that I may lie.  
 Plur. *Mentions, mentiez, mentent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Mentisse, mentisses, mentît*, that I might lie.  
 Plur. *Mentissions, mentissiez, mentissent*.

The compound of this verb is

*Démentir*, to give one the lie, to belie, to contradict.

**MOURIR**, TO DIE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Mourir*, to die.  
 Part. act. *Mourant*, dying.  
 Part. pass. *Mort, te*, died. or dead,

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Meurs, meurs, meurt*, I die, or am dying.  
 Plur. *Mourons, mourez, mourant*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Mourois, mourois, mourait*, I was dying.  
 Plur. *Mourions, mouriez, mouraient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Mourus, mourus, mourut*, I died.  
 Plur. *Mourûmes, mourûtes, moururent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Mourrai, mourras, mourra*, I shall, or will die.  
 Plur. *Mourrons, mourrez, mourront*,

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Mourrois</i>	<i>mourrois, mourroit,</i>	I should, could, or
Plur.	<i>Mourrions,</i>	<i>mourriez, mourroient,</i>	would die.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Meurs,</i>	<i>meure, die thou.</i>
Plur.	<i>Mourons,</i>	<i>mourez, meurent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Meure,</i>	<i>meures,</i>	<i>meure,</i>	that I may die.
Plur.	<i>Mourions,</i>	<i>mourriez,</i>	<i>meurent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Mourusse,</i>	<i>mourusses, mourût,</i>	that I might die.
Plur.	<i>Mourussions,</i>	<i>mourussiez, mourussent,</i>	
		<i>Se mourir,</i>	to be dying

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**OFFRIR, TO OFFER.**

## INFINITIVE MOOD..

Present.	<i>Offrir,</i>	to offer.
Part. act.	<i>Offrant,</i>	offering.
Part. pass.	<i>Offert, te,</i>	offered.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present..

Sing.	<i>Offre,</i>	<i>offres, offre,</i>	I offer, or am offering.
Plur.	<i>Offrons,</i>	<i>offrez, offrent,</i>	

## Imperfect..

Sing.	<i>Offrois</i>	<i>offrois, offroit,</i>	I did offer, or was
Plur.	<i>Offrions,</i>	<i>offriez, offroient,</i>	offering.

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Offris,</i>	<i>offris, offrit,</i>	I offered, or did offer.
Plur.	<i>Offrîmes,</i>	<i>offrîtes, offrirent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Offrirai,</i>	<i>offriras, offrira,</i>	I shall or will offer.
Plur.	<i>Offrirons,</i>	<i>offrirez, offriront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Offrirois,</i>	<i>offrirois, offriroit,</i>	I would, could, or
Plur.	<i>Offririons,</i>	<i>offririez, offriroient,</i>	should offer.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Offre,</i>	<i>offre,</i>	offer thou.
Plur.	<i>Offrons,</i>	<i>offrez,</i>	<i>offrent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

## Present

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Offre,</i>	<i>offres,</i>	<i>offre,</i>	that I may offer
Plur.	<i>Offrions,</i>	<i>offriez,</i>	<i>offrent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Offrisse,</i>	<i>offrisses,</i>	<i>offrît,</i>	that I might offer.
Plur.	<i>Offrissions,</i>	<i>offrissiez,</i>	<i>offrissent,</i>	

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*OUIR*, TO HEAR.

This verb is never used but in its participle passive, joined to some of the tenses of the verb *avoir*, to have, preceding the verb *dire*, to say : ex.

*J'ai ouï dire que,* I have heard that, &c.

In general we make use of *apprendre*, irr. *v.*

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*OUVRIR*, TO OPEN.

This verb, as well as its compounds,

*Couvrir*, to cover. *Recouvrir*, to cover again.

*Découvrir*, { to discover, } is conjugated like *OFFRIR*.  
                   { to uncover, }

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*PARTIR*, TO SET OUT, TO GO AWAY.

And its compounds,

*Départir*, *repartir*, to dis- | *Repartir*, to set out again, to  
 tribute, to impart. | reply.

*Se REPENTIR*, TO REPENT ;

*SENTIR*, TO FEEL, TO SMELL,

And its compounds,

*Consentir*, to consent, to | *Ressentir*, to be sensible of,  
 agree, | to resent,

*Pressentir*, to have a foresight or presentiment,  
 are conjugated like *Mentir*.

# EXERCISES ON THE FOREGOING VERBS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.

- As soon as they saw us coming, they ran away  
*Aussitôt que voir, venir, v.*
- Avoid bad company. -- He does not love your  
*compagnie, f.*  
 sister, because she lies. -- If you forgive me this time,  
*parceque, c.* *fois, f.*  
 I never will lie any more. -- I cannot believe him ;  
*sur* *pouvoir, v.*  
 for he contradicts himself at every instant. -- Tell  
*car, c.* *à tout moment.* *Dire, v.*  
 me what she has done to you ; but above all, do not lie.  
*sur, p.*
- If you do not behave better, your mother will  
*se comporter, v.*  
 die with grief. -- Mrs. S. died at Paris on the seventh  
*de chagrin, m.* *à* *sur*  
 of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.  
*Août, m.*
- Misfortune often\* seeks those who avoid it, and  
*Malheur, m.* *chercher, v.*  
 sometimes avoids those who seem to seek it. --  
*quelquefois, adv.* *sembler, v.* *sur*  
 Were I in your place, I would not offer her any money.  
*Si j'étois à*
- Why do you not open the door for your sister ?  
*Pourquoi, adv.* *à*
- Your brother was no sooner arrived in London, than  
*plutôt, adv.* *à*  
 I offered him my services. -- Your actions never belie  
 your words. -- Open the window. -- I had heard you  
*paroles.*  
 were going to Holland (at the) beginning of next  
*au commencement, m.*  
 month. -- I hope you will never discover what I have  
*espérer, v.*  
 told you. -- Cover my hat, and put it upon that  
*dire, v.* *mettre, v.*  
 chair. -- I will set out to-morrow morning at seven  
 (o'clock.) -- Do not set out without me. -- Let us go and  
*heures.* *sur*

\*See note, page 46.

see Mrs. D\*\*, I have heard she is dying. -- Your sister  
repents much of having sold her books. -- Gather that  
*d'avoir*

pink, it smells charmingly. -- Her mother says she  
*willer, m.* *bien bon, adv.*

never will consent to it. --- If you do not take  
*prendre, v.*

care, you will repent (of) your imprudence soon or  
*garde, lôt, adv.*

late. -- Let us die for our country, and our death will  
*tard, adv. patrie, f.*

be glorious. -- Every citizen (ought to) be disposed to  
*glorieux, adj. doit, v.*

sacrifice himself for the public good : it is at this  
*bien, m. ce, pro. à, p.*

price only that (a man) acquires a lawful right  
*on légitime, adj. droit, m.*

to the advantages of civil society. --- I should die  
satisfied, if I knew (that) you were happy. ---

*content, adj. savoir, v. (by the subj.)*

You soon felt the effect of it. --- My cousin set out  
*effet, m.*

from here yesterday morning at nine o'clock. --- I  
*ici, adv.*

offer you my house : it is at your service. --- You  
may rely upon her : she will never discover  
*pouvoir, v. compter, v.*

your secrets. -- I will never offer you my<sup>2</sup> horse<sup>3</sup> any  
*is*

more<sup>1</sup>. --- He will feel it in his turn, when he  
*à tour, m.*

is old.  
(by the fut.)

### **REVETIR, TO INVEST.**

#### **- INFINITIVE MOOD.**

Present. *Revêtir*, to invest with, to give other clothes

Part. act. *Revêtant*, investing.

Part. pass. *Revêtu, ue*, invested.

#### **INDICATIVE MOOD.**

##### **Present.**

Sing. *Revêts, revêts revêt*, I invest.

Plur. *Revêtons, revêtez, revètent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Revêtois, revêtois, revêtoit*, I did invest.  
 Plur. *Revétions, revétiez, Revêtoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Revêtis, revêtis, revêtit*, I invested, or did in-  
 Plur. *Revêtimes, revêtilles, revêtirent*, vest.

## Future.

Sing. *Revêtirai, revêtiras, revêtira*, I shall, or will in-  
 Plur. *Revêtirons, revêtirez, revêtiront*, vest:

## Conditional.

Sing. *Revêtirois, revêtirois, revêtiroit*, I should, would,  
 Plur. *Revêtirions, revêtiriez, revêtiroient*, &c. invest.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Revêts, revête*, invest thou.  
 Plur. *Revêtons, revêtez, revêtent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que*                      *que*                      *que*  
 Sing. *Revête,*           *revêtes,*           *revête*, that I may invest.  
 Plur. *Revétions,*      *revétiez,*           *revêtent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Revétisse, revétisses, revêtit*, that I might invest.  
 Plur. *Revétissions, revétissiez, revétissent*.

*SERVIR*, TO SERVE, TO HELP TO.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.      *Servir*, to serve.  
 Part. act.    *Servant*, serving.  
 Part. pass.   *Servi, ie*, served.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Sers, sers, sert*, I serve, or am serving.  
 Plur. *Servons, servez, servent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Servois,</i>	<i>servois,</i>	<i>servoit,</i>	I did serve, or was
Plur.	<i>Servions,</i>	<i>serviez,</i>	<i>servoient,</i>	serving.

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Servis,</i>	<i>servis,</i>	<i>servit,</i>	I served, or did serve.
Plur.	<i>Servîmes,</i>	<i>servîtes,</i>	<i>servirent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Servirai,</i>	<i>serviras,</i>	<i>servira,</i>	I shall, or will serve.
Plur.	<i>Servirons,</i>	<i>servirez,</i>	<i>serviront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Servirois,</i>	<i>servirois,</i>	<i>serviroit,</i>	I would, should, or
Plur.	<i>Servirions,</i>	<i>serviriez,</i>	<i>serviroient,</i>	could serve.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Sers,</i>	<i>serve,</i>	<i>serve thou</i>
Plur.	<i>Servons,</i>	<i>servez,</i>	<i>servent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Serve,</i>	<i>serves,</i>	<i>serve,</i>	that I may serve.
Plur.	<i>Servions,</i>	<i>serviez,</i>	<i>servent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Servisse,</i>	<i>servisses,</i>	<i>servît,</i>	that I might serve.
Plur.	<i>Servissions,</i>	<i>servissiez,</i>	<i>servissent,</i>	

The compounds of this verb are,

*Desservir*, to do an ill office, to clear a table.

*Se servir*, to make use, to use.

***SORTIR***, TO GO OUT,  
is conjugated like ***MENTIR***.

***SOUFFRIR***, TO SUFFER,  
is conjugated like ***OFFRIR***.

***TENIR***, TO HOLD, TO KEEP.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Tenir</i> , to hold.
Part. act.	<i>Tenant</i> , holding.
Part. pass.	<i>Tenu</i> , <i>ue</i> , held.



## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Tiens, tiens, tient*, I hold, or am holding.Plur. *Tenons, tenez, tiennent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Tenois, tenois, tenoit*, I did hold, or was holdingPlur. *Tenions, teniez, tenoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Tins, tins, tint*, I held, or did hold.Plur. *Tinmes, tintes, tinrent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Tiendrai, tiendras, tiendra*, I shall, or will hold.Plur. *Tiendrons, tiendrez, tiendront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Tiendrois, tiendrois, tiendrait*, I should, could, orPlur. *Tiendrions, tiendriez, tiendraient*, would hold.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Tiens, tienne*, hold thou.Plur. *Tenons, tenez, tiennent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que tienne, que tiennes, que tienne*, that I may hold.Plur. *Tenions, teniez, tiennent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Tinsse, tinsses, tint*, that I might hold.Plur. *Tinssions, tinssiez, tinssent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

*S'abstenir*, to abstain.*Appartenir*, to belong.*Contenir*, to contain.*Détenir*, to detain.*Entretenir*, to keep, to entertain.*Maintenir*, to maintain.*Obtenir*, to obtain.*Retenir*, to retain, to keep.*Soutenir*, to maintain, to hold, to support.**TRESSAILLIR**, TO START, TO LEAP FOR.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Tressaillir*, to start.Part. act. *Tressaillant*, starting.Part. pass. *Tressailli, ie*, started.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Tressaille*, *tressailles*, *tressaille*, I start.Plur. *Tressaillons*, *tressaillez*, *tressaillent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Tressaillois*, *tressaillois*, *tressailloit*, I did start.Plur. *Tressaillions*, *tressailliez*, *tressailloient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Tressaillis*, *tressaillis*, *tressaillit*, I started.Plur. *Tressaillimes*, *tressaillites*, *tressaillirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Tressaillirai*, *tressailliras*, *tressaillira*, I shall, or  
will start.Plur. *Tressaillirons*, *tressaillirez*, *tressailliront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Tressaillois*, *tressaillois*, *tressailloit*, I should,  
would, &c. start.Plur. *Tressaillirions*, *tressailliriez*, *tressailliroient*,

IMPERATIVE MOOD is wanting.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que tressaille*, *que tressailles*, *que tressaille*, that I may start.Plur. *Tressaillions*, *tressailliez*, *tressaillent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Tressaillisse*, *tressaillisses*, *tressaillit*, that I mightPlur. *Tressaillissions*, *tressaillissiez*, *tressaillissent*, start.

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*ASSAILLIR*, TO ASSAULT, is conjugated as above.*SAILLIR*, TO JUT, TO JUT OUT, (term in architecture,) is conjugated like *TRESSAILLIR*, but is only used in the third person of some tenses and its infinitive mood.*N. B. SAILLIR*, TO GUSH OUT, (speaking of any liquid,) is regular, and conjugated like *PUNIR*.

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*VENIR*, TO COME,  
and its compounds.*Convenir de*, à, to agree, to | *Revenir*, to come back, to  
become, to fit, to suit, | return,



shall go out in half an hour. - - If we go to-day  
*aujourd'hui,adv.*  
 to Richmond, we will (make use of) your coach. - - My  
*se servir de* *carrosse,m.*  
 sister went out \*this morning at nine o'clock, and is not  
*matin,m.*  
 yet returned. - - Nobody knows what we suffered in our  
*revenir,v.* *savoir,v.*  
 last voyage. - - If I were as ill as you, I would  
*voyage,m.* *malade,adj.*  
 not go out of my room. - - - - Why do not you  
*chambre,f.* *Pourquoi,adv.*  
 serve your friends, since you may do it? - - -  
*puisque,c.* *pouvoir,v.*  
 Should† they forsake you, what would become of  
*abandonner,v.*  
 you? - - I would make use of your horse, if you (were  
*cheval,m.* *avoir*  
 so kind as to) lend it to me. - - - - The more we are  
*la bonté de*  
 above others, the more it becomes us to be  
*au dessus* *de,p.*  
 modest and humble. - - My aunt and I came yester-  
*tante,f.*  
 day to see you, but you were not at home. - - - I  
 hope you will keep your word, and come  
*tenir,* *parole,f.*  
 to-morrow. - - I assure you Mr. R\*\*'s father holds  
*demain,adv.* *assurer,v.*  
 the first rank in the town, but the son will never  
*rang,m.*  
 attain his father's reputation. - - - Men acquire, by  
*Homme,m.*  
 long labours, knowledge which often becomes  
*travail,m.* *lumière,f.*  
 fatal to them. - - - I maintain, and will always  
*funeste,adj.*  
 maintain, that you will not be happy without  
*heureux,adj.* *sans,p.*  
 virtue. - - We were coming to see you, but you have  
 anticipated all my designs. - - She leaped for joy when  
*prévenir,v.* *de*

\* See page 161.

† Turn, if they should, &amp;c.

she saw her. - - At last she has agreed to pay her  
*Enfin,adv. \* de*

an annual pension of twenty pounds. - - Her mother  
 started up at these words, and became furious. - - -

*à,p. parole,f. furieux,adj.*  
 Come on Friday morning at nine o'clock. - - -  
*Vendredi*

This house will belong to me after her death. - - -  
*après,p. mort,f.*

You will obtain leave to go out another time,  
*permission de fois,f.*  
 if you come back soon. - - This box contains all  
*bientôt*

my jewels. - - - I agree Miss N. is the prettiest of the  
*bijoux,m.*

family ; but she is so proud that I know not what will  
 become of her. - - Who knows whether they will re-  
*savoir,v. si,c.*

member, (of) it or not ? - They assaulted the town (in the)  
*au*

middle of the night, and all their officers, even<sup>2</sup>  
*milieu,m. même,adv.*

the general<sup>1</sup>, agree that they have acquired much  
*acquérir,v.*

glory. - - Remember that, if you infringe the law, you  
 will incur the punishment decreed by the law. - - -

*peine,f. porté,p.p.*  
 Your illness proceeds from a great heat. - - - - The  
*chaleur,f.*

first time (that) you come to see me, I will keep you  
 (by the fut.) *à*

two or three days. - - - Mr. B. desired me to tell you  
*prier,v. de*

that he will not come back to-day. - - - When the  
 surgeon had opened his vein, the blood gushed  
*chirurgien,m. sang,m.*

out with an extraordinary impetuosity. - - That poor  
 man will bless you, if you (give<sup>2</sup> him<sup>1</sup> other<sup>2</sup> clothes<sup>2</sup>.)  
*bénir,v. revêtir,v.*

He is so prepossessed against me, that he will not  
*contre,p. vouloir,v.*

\* See the neuter verbs for the formation of the compound tenses,  
 page 213. † See observation, p. 162.

agree he (is in the wrong.) - - We should certainly  
*avoir tort.* *certainement, adv.*  
 have come back yesterday, had we had time. - - You will  
*hier, adv. si le temps,*  
 become a great man, if you continue to study with  
*continuer, v. de*  
 the same assiduity. - - He would have come to see us  
*assiduité, f. être, v.*  
 last week, if it had not rained. - - The first time  
*semaine, f. plu, p. p. fois, f.*  
 I go out, remind\* me to call on your bro-  
 (by the fut.) *de passer, v. chez, p.*  
 ther. - - That hat would suit you very well, if you  
 were a little taller. - - Do not go out to-day, you  
 will suffer much if you do. - - I should not suffer  
*beaucoup, adv.*  
 (so much) if it were fine weather. - - Why do not  
*tant, adv. faisoit, v.*  
 you abstain from drinking? - - The king has invested  
*boire, v.*  
 that nobleman with all his authority. - - You may  
*seigneur, m. de Pouvoir, v.*  
 set out this morning, but remember to come back  
 at night. - - Were I in your place, I would detain  
*ce soir, m. à place, f.*  
 him here a little longer; for he always keeps  
*long-tems, adv. car, c.*  
 himself shut up in his house. - - I do not think that  
*enfermé, p. p. croire, v.*  
 colour suits your sister. - - When will she return  
 (by the subj.) *Quand, adv.*  
 from the country? - - She wrote she would come next  
*campagne, f.*  
 Saturday, if the weather were fine.

## VERBS OF THE THIRD CONJUGATION.

### ASSEOIR, TO SIT DOWN.

#### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Asseoir*, to sit down.

Part. act. *Asseyant*, sitting down.

Part. pass. *Assis, ise*, sat down (or seated.)

\* See the last note, p. 247.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Assieds, assieds, assied, I sit down.*Plur. *Asseyons, asseyez, asseient,*

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Asseyois, asseyois, asseyoit, I did sit, or was sitting*Plur. *Assseyions, asseyiez, asseyoient, down*

## Preterite.

Sing. *Assis, assis, assit, I sat down,*Plur. *Assîmes, assîles, assirent,*

## Future.

Sing. *Assièrai, assièras, assiéra, I shall, or will sit down*Plur. *Assiérons, assièrez, assièront,*

## Conditional.

Sing. *Assièrois, assièrois, assiéroit, I should, would, or*Plur. *Assièrions, assièriez, assiéroient, could sit down*

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Assieds, asseie, sit down.*Plur. *Asseyons, asseyez, asseient,*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Asseie,</i>	<i>asseies,</i>	<i>asseie,</i>	that I may sit down
Plur.	<i>Asseyions,</i>	<i>asseyiez,</i>	<i>asseient,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing. *Assisse, assisses, assît, that I might sit down.*Plur. *Assissions, assissiez, assissent,*

*Asseoir* is active, but is most generally conjugated as a reflected verb, which may easily be done, by the learner adding a double pronoun to the different tenses, and forming the compound ones by the verb *être*, as in *se promener*, in page 219 : ex.

<i>Je m'assieds,</i>	<i>tu t'assieds,</i>	<i>il s'assied ;</i>
<i>Nous nous asseyons,</i>	<i>vous vous asseyez,</i>	<i>ils s'asseient.</i>

## COMPOUND TENSES.

<i>Je me suis assis,</i>	<i>tu t'es assis,</i>	<i>il s'est assis ;</i>
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<i>Nous nous sommes assis,</i>	<i>vous vous êtes assis, &amp;c.</i>
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The compound of this verb is,

*Se rasseoir*, to sit down again.

**SEOIR**, TO FIT WELL, TO BECOME, TO FIT, the primitive of *asseoir*, is never used in the present of its infinitive mood ; and in its other tenses is conjugated only as follows :

Part. act.      *Séyant*, fitting well, fitting, or becoming.  
Part. pass      *Sis*, (never used but in the sense of situate, or lying.)

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

##### Present.

*Il sied*,      *ils siéent*, it becomes, they become, &c.

##### Imperfect.

*Il séyoit*,      *ils séyoient*, it was becoming, &c.

##### Preterite wanting.

##### Future.

*Il siéra*      *ils siéront*, it or they will become.

##### Conditional.

*Il siéroît*      *ils siéroient*, it or they would become.

##### Subj. Pres.

*Qu'il siée*,      *qu'ils siéent*, that I may, &c.

The other tenses are never used.

**SURSEOIR**, TO SUPERSEDE, TO PUT OFF, a compound of *seoir*, is only used in law, and is thus conjugated :

Part. act.      *Sursoyant*.

Part. pass.      *Sursis*, *ise*.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

##### Present.

*Je sursois*, &c. *nous sursoyons*, &c.

##### Imperfect.

*Je sursoyois*, &c. *nous sursoyions*, &c.

##### Preterite.

*Je sursis*, &c. *nous sursîmes*, &c.

##### Future.

*Je surseoirai*, &c. *nous surseoirons*, &c.



## Conditional.

*Je surseoirois, &c. nous surseoirions, &c.*

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

*Sursois, &c. sursoyons, &c.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que je surseoie, &c. que nous sursoyions, &c.*

## Preterite.

*Que je sursisse, &c. que nous sursissions, &c.*

**DECHOIR**, TO DECAY, TO DECLINE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Déchoir*, to decay.

Part. act. wanting.

Part. pass. *Déchu, ue*, decayed.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Déchois, déchois, déchoit*, I decay.

Plur. *Déchoyons, déchoyez, déchotent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Je déchoyois, &c.* Plur. *Nous déchoyions, &c.*

## Preterite.

Sing. *Déchus, déchus, déchut*, I decayed, or did

Plur. *Déchûmes, déchûtes, déchurent*, decay.

## Future.

Sing. *Décherrai, décherras, décherra*, I shall, or will

Plur. *Décherrons, décherez, décherront*, decay.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Décherrois, décherrois, décherroit*, I should, would,  
or could decay.

Plur. *Décherrions, décheriez, décherroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD wanting.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que* Sing. *Déchoie, que déchôies, que déchôie*, that I may decay.

Plur. *Déchoyions, déchoyiez, déchôient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Déchusse, déchusses, déchût*, that I might decay.

Plur. *Déchussions, déchussiez, déchussent*,

**CHOIR**, the primitive of the above verb is obsolete.

**ECHOIR**, TO FALL OUT, TO CHANGE, is conjugated like **DECHOIR**. Its part. act. is *échéant, échu*, p.p.

**MOUVOIR**, TO MOVE.

Present. *Mouvoir*, to move.

Part. act. *Mouvant*, moving.

Part. pass. *Mû, ue*, moved.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Meus, meus, meut*, I move.

Plur. *Mouvons, mouvez, meuvent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Mouvois, mouvois, mouvoit*, I did move.

Plur. *Mouvions, moviez, mouvoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Mus, mus, mut*, I moved, or did move.

Plur. *Mûmes, mûtes, murent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Mouvrai, mourras, mouvra*, I shall, or will move.

Plur. *Mouvrons, mouvez, mouvront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Mourrois, mourrois, mourroit*, I should, could, or

Plur. *Mouvriions, mourriez, mourroient*, would move.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Meus, meuve*, move thou.

Plur. *Mouvons, mouvez, meuvent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que Meuve, que meuve*, that I may move.

Plur. *Mouvions, moviez, meuvent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Musse, musses, mût*, that I might move.

Plur. *Mussions, mussiez, mussent*,

The compound of this verb is,  
*Emouvoir*, to stir up, to move.

**POUVOIR**, TO BE ABLE, TO HAVE IN ONE'S POWER.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Pouvoir*, to be able.  
 Part. act. *Pouvant*, being able.  
 Part. pass. *Pu*, been able.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing. *Puis*, or *peux*, *peux*, *peut*, I am able, I can or  
 Plur. *Pouvons*, *pouvez*, *peuvent*, may.

Imperfect.

Sing. *Pouvois*, *pouvois*, *pouvoit*, I was able, or I could.  
 Plur. *Pouvions*, *pouviez*, *pouvoient*,

Preterite.

Sing. *Pus*, *pus*, *put*, I was able, or I could.  
 Plur. *Pûmes*, *pûtes*, *purent*,

Future.

Sing. *Pourrai*, *pourras*, *pourra*, I shall, or will be able.  
 Plur. *Pourrons*, *pourrez*, *pourront*,

Conditional.

Sing. *Pourrois*, *pourrois*, *pourroit*, I should, be able,  
 Plur. *Pourrions*, *pourriez*, *pourroient*, could, or might.

IMPERATIVE MOOD wanting.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.

*Que* *que* *que*  
 Sing. *Puisse*, *puisses*, *puisse*, that I may be able, or  
 Plur. *Puissions*, *puissiez*, *puissent*, I may.

Preterite.

Sing. *Pusse*, *pusses*, *pût*, that I might be able, or  
 Plur. *Pussions*, *pussiez*, *pussent*, I might.

When the words *can*, *may*, *could*, or *might*, express an absolute or permissive power, or a possibility of doing a thing, *can* and *may* are rendered by the present tense of the indicative of this verb : ex.

*Je puis vous vendre un bon cheval, si vous en avez besoin d'un,* I *can* sell you a good horse, if you want one.

*Vous pouvez aller au bol, You may go to the ball,  
mais revenez, à dix heures, but come back at ten o'clock.*

N. B. *May*, expressing a wish, is rendered by the present tense of the subjunctive: ex.

*Puissiez-vous être heureux ! May you be happy !*

*Could* is rendered by one of the following tenses, viz. the imperfect, preterite, definite or indefinite, or conditional present ; and *might* by the last tense : ex.

*Je ne pouvois pas mieux I could do no better.*

*faire,  
Il ne put pas venir avec nous He could not come with us  
la semaine passé, last week.*

*Vous pourriez vous tromper You might mistake as well  
aussi bien que lui, as he.*

*Could* or *might*, being joined to the verb *to have*, immediately followed by a participle passive, must be rendered by the conditional past of the above verb, with the participle turned into the present of the infinitive mood : ex.

*J'aurais pu vous le dire hier I could have told it to you  
au soir, last night.*

*Vous auriez pu le faire, en You might have done it in  
trois jours, three days.*

### **SAVOIR**, TO KNOW something.

#### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Savoir*, to know.  
Part. act. *Sachant*, knowing.  
Part. pass. *Su, ue*, known.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

##### Present.

Sing. *Sais, sais, sait*, I know.  
Plur. *Savons, savez, savent*,

##### Imperfect.

Sing. *Savois, savois, savoit*, I did know, or knew.  
Plur. *Savions, saviez, savoient*,

##### Preterite.

Sing. *Sus, sus, sut*, I knew, or did know.  
Plur. *Sûmes, sûtes, surent*,

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Saurai,</i>	<i>sauras, saura,</i>	I shall, or will know.
Plur.	<i>Saurons,</i>	<i>sauvez, sauront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Saurois,*</i>	<i>saurois, sauroit,</i>	I should, would, or
Plur.	<i>Saurions,</i>	<i>sauriez, sauroient,</i>	could know.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.		<i>Sache,</i>	<i>sache,</i>	know thou.
Plur.	<i>Sachons,</i>	<i>sachez,</i>	<i>sachent,</i>	

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Sache,†</i>	<i>saches,</i>	<i>sache,</i>	that I may know.
Plur.	<i>Sachions,</i>	<i>sachiez,</i>	<i>sachent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Susse,</i>	<i>susses,</i>	<i>sût,</i>	that I might know.
Plur.	<i>Sussions,</i>	<i>sussiez,</i>	<i>sussent,</i>	

*VALOIR*, TO BE WORTH.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Valoir,</i>	to be worth.
Part. act.	<i>Valant,</i>	being worth.
Part. pass.	<i>Valu,</i>	been worth.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Vaux,</i>	<i>vaux, vaut,</i>	I am worth.
Plur.	<i>Valons,</i>	<i>valez, valent,</i>	

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Valois,</i>	<i>valois, valoit,</i>	I was worth.
Plur.	<i>Valions,</i>	<i>valiez, valaient,</i>	

\* This tense, conjugated negatively, is often Englished by *cannot* : ex.

*Je ne saurois vous le dire,* I cannot tell it to you.

† We sometimes employ the present of the subjunctive of this verb instead of the indicative ; but it is never to be used without the negation *pas*, and most commonly in answering a question : ex.

*Le roi ira-t-il à la comédie ?*

Will the king go to the play ?

*Pas que je sache,*

Not that I know of.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Valus*, *valus*, *valut*, I was worth.Plur. *Valûmes*, *valûtes*, *valurent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Vaudrai*, *audras*, *audra*, I shall, or will bePlur. *Vaudrons*, *audrez*, *audront*, worth.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Vaudrois*, *audrois*, *audroit*, I should, &c. bePlur. *Vaudrions*, *audriez*, *audroient*, worth.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Vaur*, *vaille*, be thou worth.Plur. *Valons*, *valez*, *vailent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Que* *que* *que*  
*Vaille*, *vailles*, *vaille*, that I may be worth.Plur. *Valions*, *valiez*, *vailent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Valusse*, *valusses*, *valût*, that I might be worth.Plur. *Valussions*, *valussiez*, *valussent*,

The compound of this verb is,

*Prévaloir*, to prevail, is conjugated as *VALOIR* : but we say in the present tense of the subjunctive,*Que je préval-e, es, e, : ions, iez, ent.**VOIR*, TO SEE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Voir*, to see.Part. act. *Voyant*, seeing.Part. pass. *Vu, ue*, seen.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Vois*, *vois*, *voit*, I see.Plur. *Voyons*, *voyez*, *voient*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Voyois*, *voyois*, *voyoit*, I did see.Plur. *Voyions*, *voyiez*, *voyoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Vis*, *vis*, *vit*, I saw, or did see.Plur. *Vîmes*, *vîtes*, *virent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Verrai, verras, verra*, I shall, or will see.Plur. *Verrons, verrez, verront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Verrois, verrois, verroit*, I should, &c. see.Plur. *Verrions, verriez, verroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Vois, vois, vois*, see thou.Plur. *Voyons, voyez, voient*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que vois, vois, vois*, that I may see.Plur. *Que voyions, voyiez, voient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Visse, visses, vît*, that I might see.Plur. *Vissions, vissiez, rissent*,*Entrevoir*, to have a glimpse of. *Prévoir*, to foresee.*Revoir*, to see again. *Pouvoir*, to provide.*PREVOIR* differs from *VOIR* in the future : ex.Sing. *Prévoirai, prévoiras, prévoira.*Plur. *Prévoirons, prévoirez, prévoiront ;* And,

## Conditional. Present.

Sing. *Prévoirois, prévoirois, prévoiroit.*Plur. *Prévoirions, prévoiriez, prévoiroient.**POUVOIR* makes in the Preterite,Sing. *Pourrus, pourrus, pourrut.*Plur. *Pourrûmes, pourrûtes, pourrurent.*

## Future.

Sing. *Pourvoirai, pourvoiras, pourvoira.*Plur. *Pourvoirons, pourvoirez, pourvoiront.*

## Conditional.

Sing. *Pourvoirois, pourvoirois, pourvoiroit.*Plur. *Pourvoirions, pourvoiriez, pourvoiroient.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Pourrussse, pourrusses, pourrût.*Plur. *Pourrussions, pourrussiez, pourrussent.*

**VOULOIR, TO BE WILLING.****INFINITIVE MOOD.**

Present.	<i>Vouloir</i> , to be willing.
Part. act.	<i>Voulant</i> , being willing.
Part. pass.	<i>Voulu</i> , <i>ue</i> , been willing.

**INDICATIVE MOOD.****Present.**

Sing.	<i>Veux</i> ,	<i>veux</i> ,	<i>veut</i> ,	I am willing, or I will.
Plur.	<i>Voulons</i> ,	<i>voulez</i> ,	<i>veulent</i> ,	

**Imperfect.**

Sing.	<i>Voulois</i> ,	<i>voulois</i> ,	<i>vouloit</i> ,	I was willing, or I would.
Plur.	<i>Voulions</i> ,	<i>vouliez</i> ,	<i>vouloient</i> ,	

**Preterite.**

Sing.	<i>Voulus</i> ,	<i>voulus</i> ,	<i>voulut</i> ,	I was willing, or I
Plur.	<i>Voulûmes</i> ,	<i>voulûtes</i> ,	<i>voulurent</i> ,	would.

**Future.**

Sing.	<i>Voudrai</i> ,	<i>voudras</i> ,	<i>voudra</i> ,	I shall be willing, or
Plur.	<i>Voudrons</i> ,	<i>voudrez</i> ,	<i>voudront</i> ,	I will.

**Conditional.**

Sing.	<i>Voudrois</i> ,	<i>voudrois</i> ,	<i>voudroit</i> ,	I should be willing,
Plur.	<i>Voudrions</i> ,	<i>voudriez</i> ,	<i>voudroient</i> ,	or I would.

**IMPERATIVE MOOD is wanting.**

However, we say,

*Veillez bien*, be willing to.

**SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.****Present.**

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Veuille</i> ,	<i>veuilles</i> ,	<i>veuille</i> ,	that I may be wil-
Plur.	<i>Voulions</i> ,	<i>vouliez</i> ,	<i>veuillent</i> ,	ling.

**Preterite.**

Sing.	<i>Voulusse</i> ,	<i>voulusses</i> ,	<i>voulût</i> ,	that I might be wil-
Plur.	<i>Voulussions</i> ,	<i>voulussiez</i> ,	<i>voulussent</i> ,	ling.

When the words *will* or *would* signify a will, choice, or deliberation in the agent, and can be expressed by *choose* or *chose*, *will* is rendered in French by the present of the indicative mood, or future of this verb : ex.



*Je veux y aller, et lui parler moi-même,* I will, or choose to, go there, and speak to him myself :  
*Il ne veut pas manger,* He will not eat, or does not choose to eat :

and *would* by one of the following tenses, viz. the Imperfect, Preterite, Conditional, or Compound of the Present.

*Si je voulois, je rous dirois, où elle demeure,* If I would, or chose, I could tell you where she lives.

*Il voulut absolument partir hier,* He would, absolutely, or absolutely chose to, set out yesterday.

*Que voudriez-vous que je fisse ?* What would you have me do ?

When *would* is joined to the verb *to have* immediately followed by a participle passive, they are to be rendered by the compound of the imperfect or compound of the conditional of the above verb, with the participle passive turned into the present of the infinitive mood : ex.

*Si j'avois voulu lui parler,* If I would have spoken to him, or had I chosen to speak to him.

*Vous n'auriez pas voulu prendre les armes, si, &c.* You would not have taken up arms, if, &c.

*Nous aurions pu l'arrêter, si nous eussions voulu,* We could have stopped him, if we had been willing, or had chosen.

## EXERCISES ON THE FOREGOING VERBS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.

Why do not you sit down, sir ? - - You  
*Pourquoi, adv.*

come to see me very seldom. - - Let us sit down, upon  
*rarement, adv.*

the grass. - - Do not make (so much) noise, I cannot  
*herbe, f. faire, v. tant, adv.*

learn my lesson. - - Do you know what has hap-  
*apprendre, v. est arri-*

pened to her ? - - No, I do not. - - As soon as he saw  
*rer, v. Aussitôt que, c.*

he could not make her hear reason, he went  
*entendre, v. s'en*

me, will he be able to follow me ? - - What will you  
*suivre, v.*

away. - - We went there ourselves, and soon knew  
*aller, v.* *bientôt, adv.*  
 what she asked. - - See the letter she wrote me. - - We  
*écrire, v.*  
 will not sit down till you have determined to  
*que ne se déterminer, v. subj. à*  
 set out. - - The first time I saw your sister, she pleased  
*fois, f.* *plaire, v.*  
 me. - - I would sit down upon the grass, if it were not so  
 damp. - - Mrs. P. desired me to tell you she could  
*humide, adj.* *prier, v.* *de dire, v.*  
 not come to see you this week, but (that) she would cer-  
*semaine, f.* *cer-*  
 tainly come (at the) beginning of next  
*tainement, adv.* *au commencement, m.*  
 month. - - - Cannot you lend me three or four  
*mois, m.* *prêter, v.*  
 guineas? - - - If I would, I could soon know.  
*guinée* *bientôt, adv.*  
 whether Mrs. D. has seen your aunt or not. - - -  
*si, c.* *tante, f.* *non.*  
 The last time I was in the park, I could not distinguish  
 her, on account of the trees that were between  
*à cause, p.*  
 her, and me; (I had only a) glimpse of her. - - -  
*je n'ai fait que* *un*  
 This cloth is not worth five shillings a yard, but the  
*drap, m.*  
 colour becomes you very well. - - - Do you not see the  
 defects of it? - - - When you know your lesson  
*défaut, m.* (by the fit.)  
 come and repeat it to me. - - Did you not know that  
*un répéter, v.*  
 Mr. A. (was to) marry Miss B.? - - - I knew it, but  
*épouser, v.* *mais, c.*  
 I was not willing to tell your brother of it. - - I be-  
*parler, v.*  
 lieve you could learn your lessons much bet-  
*apprendre, v.* *beaucoup, adv.*  
 ter, if you would. - - Could you lend me your horse  
*prêter, v.*  
 for two or three days? - - If your brother come with  
*jour, m.* *avec, p.*

lay that he will not come without his sister ? - - This  
*parier, v.*

room can contain about a hundred people. - - Could  
*environ, p. personne.*

they see so great an alteration, without being  
*changement, m. sans, p.*

vexed (at it) ? - - (It is) better to be unfortunate than  
*fâché, p. p. en, pro. valeur, v. malheureux, adj.*

criminal. - - - He who cannot command himself, is inca-  
*se*

pable of commanding others. - - His best coat was not  
*aux habit, m.*

worth two-pence when he arrived from Germany. - - - -  
*sou Allemagne.*

We saw them yesterday. - - - They did not foresee  
*hier, adv.*

what would happen to them. - - - - We ought to  
*arriver, v. devoir, v.*

make a judicious choice of those friends, to  
*faire, v. judicieux, adj. choix, m. ∞*

whom we intend to give our confidence. - - Do you  
*vouloir, v. confiance, f.*

know where Miss B. lives ? - - - - Yes, I do (know it,)  
*où, adv. demeurer, v.*

and I see her every day at her window. - - - - Why will  
*fenêtre, f.*

you not tell it me ? - - - She would marry him, in  
*épouser, v. en, p.*

spite of all her relations. - - It is for this reason  
*dépit, m. parent, m. Ce, pro.*

her father says he will never see her again. - - - I  
*dire, v.*

have spoken of your wine to two friends of mine :

one has money, but he will not buy : the other would  
 buy, but he has no money. - - - Some told me that

your brother could not pay me, others told me that  
 he would not ; in short, I find that, when people  
*enfin, adv. gens, pl.*

will not pay, we have much trouble. - - - We regularly  
 pay all that we owe ; but he says, that he will pay no-

body. - - - - - All the finest talents united are not  
*réunir, v.*

worth one virtue. - - Virtue is a quality which we can-

not (too much) praise. --- Severity and rigour may  
*trop*,adv. *louer*,v. *Sévérité*,f. *rigueur*,f.  
 excite fear, but not love. --- You saw with what  
*crainte*,f. *amour*,m.

goodness she received him. --- I would not tell her  
*bonté*,f. *recevoir*,v.

what I think about it, for fear of giving her the least  
*de*,p. *inf.*

subject of complaint. --- If you foresee the danger,  
*plainte*.

why do you not endeavour to avoid it? --- They were  
*tâcher*,v. *dééviter*,v.

willing to withdraw, but your brother hindered  
*se retirer*,v. *empêcher*,v.

them (from it), and desired them to sit down again.  
*prier*,v. *de*

--- You can speak to Mr. B. whenever you  
*parler*,v. *quand*,

please, but I may not take that liberty. ---  
*vouloir*,v. *prendre*,v.

Why may you not? --- You know the esteem  
*estime*,f.

and friendship that I have for him: you know  
 that his father is one of my oldest friends:

*ancien*,adj.  
 you know yourself the merit of both. --- He would

not sell me these buckles under four  
*vendre*,v. *boucle*,f. *à moins de*,p.

guineas. --- I will not see (any more) your brother  
*plus*,adv.

but I will see you again as soon as I can. ---  
 (by the fut.)

Every body thinks, that, if they would have pursued  
 \*

the enemy briskly, they might have ended  
*poursuivre*,v.

*rigoureusement*,adv. *finir*,v.  
 the war on that day. --- Should we see ourselves re-

*ré-*  
 duced to so great difficulties? --- If I would have be-  
*duire*,v. \*

lieved him, he would have persuaded me to go to Italy  
*croître*,v. *de*

\* After the conjunction *Si*, always use the imperfect; see p. 157 and

with him. - - He could have done his work in less  
 than ten minutes, if he had not amused <sup>faire, v.</sup> himself in <sup>en, p.</sup>  
 reading. - If you want <sup>s'amuser, v.</sup> that book, you may take <sup>à</sup>  
 it, it is at your service. - - If he sold all his horses now,  
 the best of them would not be worth ten guineas. - - -  
 We might have danced till (twelve o'clock) if  
 that had not happened. - - Oh! my children, may you  
 be happy, and never bewail the moment of your  
 birth! - - I spoke to her (a long while,) but could  
 not persuade her to come with me. - - - May I go  
 and see him? - - - Yes, you may, but come back  
 as soon as you can.  
*aussitôt que, c.* (by the fut.)

## VERBS OF THE FOURTH CONJUGATION

*ABSoudre*, TO ABSOLVE, TO ACQUIT.

### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Absoudre</i> , to absolve
Part. act.	<i>Absolvant</i> , absolving.
Part. pass.	<i>Absous, oute</i> , absolved.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

#### Present.

Sing.	<i>Absous</i> ,	<i>absous</i> ,	<i>absout</i> , I absolve.
Plur.	<i>Absolvous</i> ,	<i>absolvez</i> ,	<i>absolvent</i> ,

#### Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Absolvois</i> ,	<i>absolvois</i> ,	<i>absolvoit</i> , I did absolve.
Plur.	<i>Absolvions</i> ,	<i>absolviez</i> ,	<i>absolvoient</i> ,

Preterite is wanting.

#### Future.

Sing.	<i>Absoudrai</i> ,	<i>absoudras</i> ,	<i>absoudra</i> , I shall, or will
Plur.	<i>Absoudrons</i> ,	<i>absoudrez</i> ,	<i>absoudront</i> , absolve.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Absoudrois, absoudrois, absoudroit*, I should, &c.Plur. *Absoudrions, absoudriez, absoudroient*, absolve.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Absous, absolve, absolve thou.*Plur. *Absolvons, absolvez, absolvent,*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que que que Absolve, absolves, absolve*, that I may absolve.Plur. *Absolvions, absolviez, absolvent,*

Preterite is wanting.

**SOUDRE**, TO SOLVE, (the primitive of this verb,) is used only in the present tense of the infinitive mood.

The other compounds are,

*Dissoudre*, to dissolve. *Résoudre*, to resolve.*Dissoudre* has the same tenses wanting as *absoudre*.*Résoudre* has its participle passive, *résolu* : its preterite is,Sing. *Résolus, résolus, résolut.*Plur. *Résolûmes, résolutes, résolurent.*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Résolusse, résolusses, résolût.*Plur. *Résolussions, résolussiez, résolussent.***ATTEINDRE**, TO REACH, TO HIT, TO ATTAIN,  
TO OVERTAKE, and**ASTREINDRE**, TO OBLIGE ;**AVEINDRE**, TO REACH, TO FETCH OUT,  
are conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

The two foregoing verbs are growing obsolete.

**BATTRE**, TO BEAT.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Battre*, to beat.Part. act. *Battant*, beating.Part. pass. *Battu, ue*, beaten.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Bats*, *bats*, *bat*, I beat, or am beating.  
 Plur. *Battons*, *battez*, *battent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Battois*, *battois*, *battoit*, I did beat, or was beating.  
 Plur. *Battions*, *battiez*, *battoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Battis*, *battis*, *battit*, I beat, or did beat.  
 Plur. *Battîmes*, *battîtes*, *battirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Battraî*, *battras*, *battra*, I shall, or will beat.  
 Plur. *Battrons*, *battrez*, *battront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Battrois*, *battrois*, *battroit*, I should, &c. beat.  
 Plur. *Battrions*, *battriez*, *battroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Bats*, *batte*, beat thou.  
 Plur. *Battons*, *Battez*, *battent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que* *que* *que*  
 Sing. *Batte*, *battes*, *batte*, that I may beat.  
 Plur. *Battions*, *battiez*, *battent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Battisse*, *battisses*, *battît*, that I might beat.  
 Plur. *Battissions*, *battissiez*, *battissent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Abattre</i> , to pull down, to throw down.		<i>Se débattre</i> , to struggle.
<i>Combattre</i> , to fight.		<i>Rabattre</i> , to abate, to beat down.
<i>Débattre</i> , to debate.		<i>Rebattre</i> , to beat again.

**BOIRE**, TO DRINK.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Boire*, to drink.  
 Part. act. *Buvant*, drinking.  
 Part. pass. *Bu*, *ue*,

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Bois*,      *bois*,      *boit*, I drink, or am drinking.  
 Plur. *Buvons*,   *buvez*,   *boivent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Buvois*,      *buvois*,   *buvoit*, I did drink, or was  
 Plur. *Buvions*,   *buviez*,   *buvoient*,      drinking.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Bus*,      *bus*,      *but*, I drank, or did drink.  
 Plur. *Bûmes*,   *bûtes*,   *burent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Boirai*,   *boiras*,   *boira*, I shall, or will drink.  
 Plur. *Boirons*,   *boirez*,   *boiront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Bairois*,      *boirois*,      *boiroit*, I should, &c. drink.  
 Plur. *Boirions*,   *boiriez*,      *boiroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.      *Bois*,   *boive*, drink thou.  
 Plur. *Buvons*,   *buvez*,   *boivent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que*              *que*              *que*  
 Sing. *Boive*,      *boives*,      *boive*, that I may drink.  
 Plur. *Buvions*,   *buviez*,      *boivent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Busse*,      *busses*,      *bût*, that I might drink.  
 Plur. *Bussions*,   *bussiez*,      *bussent*,

N. B. *Boire dans quelque chose*, is, To drink out of something.

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*BRAIRE*, TO BRAY.

This verb is seldom used, except in the present tense of the infinitive mood, and the third person singular and plural of the present, future, and conditional of the indicative mood



Infinitive. *Braire*, to bray.—Present, indicative. *Il brait, ils braient*.—Future, *Il braira, ils brairont*.—Conditional. *Il brairoit, ils brairoient*.—This verb expresses the discordant cry of an ass.

**BRUIRE**, TO ROAR, TO MAKE A GREAT NOISE.

This verb is used only in the present of the infinitive mood, and in the third person of the imperfect, indicative: *il bruyoit, ils bruyoient*. Its participle active, *bruyant*, is often but a mere adjective.

**CEINDRE**, TO GIRD,

And its compound, *Enceindre*, to enclose, to encompass, are conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**CIRCONCIRE**, TO CIRCUMCISE,

is conjugated like **CONFIRE**,

but has its participle passive ending in *is, ise*, instead of *it*.

**CONCLURE**, TO CONCLUDE

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Conclure</i> , to conclude.
Part. act.	<i>Concluant</i> , concluding.
Part. pass.	<i>Conclu, ue</i> , concluded.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing.	<i>Conclus,</i>	<i>conclus,</i>	<i>conclut,</i>	I conclude.
Plur.	<i>Concluons,</i>	<i>concluez,</i>	<i>concluent,</i>	

Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Concluois,</i>	<i>concluois,</i>	<i>concluoit,</i>	I did conclude.
Plur.	<i>Concluions,</i>	<i>concluïez,</i>	<i>concluoient,</i>	

Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Conclus,</i>	<i>conclus,</i>	<i>conclut,</i>	I concluded, or did
Plur.	<i>Conclûmes,</i>	<i>conclûtes,</i>	<i>conclurent,</i>	conclude.

Future

Sing.	<i>Concluray,</i>	<i>concluras,</i>	<i>conclura,</i>	I shall or will con-
Plur.	<i>Conclurons,</i>	<i>conclurez,</i>	<i>conclurent,</i>	clude.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Conclurois, conclurois, concluroit, I should, &c.*  
 Plur. *Conclurons, concluriez, concluroient, conclude.*

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Conclus, conclue, conclude thou.*  
 Plur. *Concluons, concluez, concluent,*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que que que*  
 Sing. *Conclue, conclues, conclue, that I might conclude.*  
 Plur. *Concluions, conclüiez, concluent,*

## Preterite.

Sing. *Conclusse, conclusses, conclût, that I may con-*  
 Plur. *Conclussions, conclussiez, conclussent, clude.*

**CONDUIRE**, TO CONDUCT, TO LEAD, TO CARRY.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Conduire, to conduct.*  
 Part. act. *Conduisant, conducting.*  
 Part. pass. *Conduit, te, conducted.*

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Conduis, conduis, conduit, I lead, &c.*  
 Plur. *Conduisons, conduisez, conduisent,*

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Conduisois, conduisois, conduisoit, I did lead.*  
 Plur. *Conduisions, conduisiez, conduisoient,*

## Preterite.

Sing. *Conduisis, conduisis, conduisit, I led, &c.*  
 Plur. *Conduisîmes, conduisîtes, conduisirent,*

## Future.

Sing. *Conduirai, conduiras, conduira, I shall, or*  
 Plur. *Conduirons, conduirez, conduiront, will lead.*

## Conditional.

Sing. *Conduirois, conduirois, conduiroit, I should, &c*  
 Plur. *Conduirions, conduiriez, conduiroient, lead.*

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Conduis, conduise, lead thou.*  
 Plur. *Conduisons, conduisez, conduisent,*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Conduise,</i>	<i>conduises,</i>	<i>conduise,</i>	that I may lead.
Plur.	<i>Conduisions,</i>	<i>conduisiez,</i>	<i>conduisent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Conduisisse,</i>	<i>conduisses,</i>	<i>conduisît,</i>	that I might
Plur.	<i>Conduissions,</i>	<i>conduisissiez,</i>	<i>conduisissent,</i>	lead.

Its compound is

*Reconduire,* to lead again.

## CONFIRE. TO PRESERVE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Confire,</i>	to preserve.
Part. act.	<i>Confisant,</i>	preserving.
Part. pass.	<i>Confit,</i>	<i>te,</i> preserved.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Confis,</i>	<i>confis,</i>	<i>confit,</i>	I preserve.
Plur.	<i>Confisons,</i>	<i>confisez,</i>	<i>confisent,</i>	

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Confisois,</i>	<i>confisois,</i>	<i>confisois,</i>	I did preserve.
Plur.	<i>Confisions,</i>	<i>confisiez,</i>	<i>confisoient,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Confis,</i>	<i>confis,</i>	<i>confit,</i>	I preserved.
Plur.	<i>Confîmes,</i>	<i>confîtes,</i>	<i>confirent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Confirai,</i>	<i>confiras,</i>	<i>confira,</i>	I shall, or will
Plur.	<i>Confirions,</i>	<i>confirez,</i>	<i>confiront,</i>	preserve.

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Confirois,</i>	<i>confirois,</i>	<i>confiroit,</i>	I should, &c.
Plur.	<i>Confirions,</i>	<i>confirizz,</i>	<i>confiroient,</i>	preserve.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.		<i>Confis,</i>	<i>confise,</i>	preserve thou.
Plur.	<i>Confisons,</i>	<i>confisez,</i>	<i>confisent,</i>	

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Confise,</i>	<i>confises,</i>	<i>confise,</i>	that I may preserve.
Plur.	<i>Confissions,</i>	<i>confisiez,</i>	<i>confisent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Confisse,</i>	<i>confisses,</i>	<i>confît,</i>	that I might pre-
Plur.	<i>Confissions,</i>	<i>confissiez,</i>	<i>confissent,</i>	serve.

**CONNOITRE,** TO KNOW, TO BE ACQUAINTED  
WITH, somebody.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Connoître,</i>	to know.
Part. act.	<i>Connoissant,</i>	knowing.
Part. pass.	<i>Connu, ue,</i>	known.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Connois,</i>	<i>connois,</i>	<i>connoît,</i>	I know.
Plur.	<i>Connoissons,</i>	<i>connoissez,</i>	<i>connoissent,</i>	

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Connoissois,</i>	<i>connoissois,</i>	<i>connoissoit,</i>	I did know.
Plur.	<i>Connoissions,</i>	<i>connoissiez,</i>	<i>connoissoient,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Connus,</i>	<i>connus,</i>	<i>connut,</i>	I know.
Plur.	<i>Connûmes,</i>	<i>connûtes,</i>	<i>connurent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Connoîtrai,</i>	<i>connoîtras,</i>	<i>connoîtra,</i>	I shall, &c.
Plur.	<i>Connoîtrons,</i>	<i>connoîtrez,</i>	<i>connoîtront,</i>	know.

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Connoîtrois,</i>	<i>connoîtrois,</i>	<i>connoîtroit,</i>	I should, &c.
Plur.	<i>Connoîtrions,</i>	<i>connoîtriez,</i>	<i>connoîtroient,</i>	know.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Connois,</i>	<i>connoisse,</i>	know thou.
Plur.	<i>Connoissons,</i>	<i>connoissez,</i>	<i>connoissent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

## Present

<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>
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Sing. *Connoisse, connoisses, connoisse*, that I may know.

Plur. *Connoissions, connoissiez, connoissent*,

Preterite.

Sing. *Connusse, connusses, connût*, that I might know.

Plur. *Connussions, connussiez, connussient*,

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Méconnoître</i> , to take for another.	<i>Reconnoître</i> , to acknow- ledge, to know again.
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**CONSTRUIRE**, TO CONSTRUCT, TO BUILD,  
is conjugated like **CONDUIRE**.

**CONTRAINdre**, TO CONSTRAIN, TO COMPEL,  
TO FORCE,  
is conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**COUDRE**, TO SEW, TO STITCH.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Coudre*, to sew.

Part. act. *Cousant*, sewing.

Part. pass. *Cousu, ue*, sewed.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing. *Couds, couds, coud*, I sew, or am sewing.

Plur. *Cousons, cousez, cousent*,

Imperfect.

Sing. *Cousois, cousois, cousoit*, I did sew, or was sew-

Plur. *Cousions, cousiez, cousoient*, ing.

Preterite.

Sing. *Cousis, cousis, cousit*, I sewed.

Plur. *Cousîmes, cousîtes, cousirent*,

Future.

Sing. *Coudrai, coudras, coudra*, I shall, or will sew.

Plur. *Coudrons, coudrez, coudront*,

Conditional.

Sing. *Coudrois, coudrois, coudroit*, I should, &c. sew.

Plur. *Coudrions, coudriez, coudroient*,

IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Couds, couse*, sew thou.

Plur. *Cousons, cousez, cousent*

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>
Sing.	<i>Couse,</i>	<i>couses,</i>	<i>couse,</i> that I may sew.
Plur.	<i>Cousions,</i>	<i>cousiez,</i>	<i>cousent,</i>

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Cousisse,</i>	<i>cousisses,</i>	<i>cous't,</i> that I might sew.
Plur.	<i>Cousissions,</i>	<i>cousissiez,</i>	<i>cousissent,</i>

Its compounds are,

*Découdre,* to unsew. *Recoudre,* to sew again.

EXERCISES ON THE FOREGOING VERBS  
AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.

I know several persons in this country who  
*plusieurs*,adj. *pays*,m.  
 speak as good French, as if they had been (brought up)  
*bien*,adv. *élevé*,p.p.  
 in France. - - - - - Do you know Mr. A. ? - - - -  
 Yes, we know him very well; and, though he is  
*Oui*,adv. *soit*  
 rich, I assure you he is not the more charitable for  
 it. - - - - - He has been beaten (soundly). - - - - - In you  
*comme il faut*,  
 knew the question, you would resolve it in two  
*question*,f. *en*  
 words. - - - - - I will soon conclude, if you think as  
*mot*,m. *comme*,adv.  
 your brother does. - - - - - We should beat them, if they  
*sc*  
 did not fight in their own country. - - - - - Do not  
*propre*,adj.  
 beat him any more, he acknowledges his fault. - - -  
*sc* *faute*.  
 We ran for above two hours, but at last  
*pendant*,p. *plus de*,adv. *enfin*,adv.  
 your brother overtook him, and brought him back. - -  
*ramener*,v. *sc*  
 You would never see him again, if you knew him. - - - - -  
 He struggled a long while, but he was soon obliged  
*sc* *temps*,m.  
 to (cry for) mercy. - - - - - This mortification has pulled  
*de demander*,v. *grâce*.

down his pride, I assure you : however, the judge  
*cependant, adv.*  
 has acquitted him of the accusation falsely  
*faussetment, adv.*  
 brought against him. - - Mr. R. told me some time  
*intelé, p.p. contre, p.*  
 ago, that he would build a ship on a new plan. - - -  
 What will you drink ? - - I will drink (nothing but)  
*ne que*  
 water. - - Do not drink so much. - - If your father  
*tant, adv.*  
 were here, you would not drink (at all.) - - -  
*du tout.*  
 Let us fill our glasses, and drink our friend's health. - -  
*verre, m. santé, f.*  
 We beat them because our troops were better dis-  
*parceque, c. dis-*  
 ciplined than theirs. - - - Come with us ; we shall  
*cipliné, p.p.*  
 see whether we shall know you again or not. - - If you  
*si, c. non.*  
 knew her, I am certain she would please you. - - -  
*plaire, v.*  
 The English drink as much tea as the Venetians  
*autant, adv. thé Vénitien, m.*  
 drink coffee. - - - After tea, we conducted the ladies  
*café.*  
 to the concert. - - - When they had explained to us  
 all that had passed, we acknowledged we (were in the  
*se passer, v. avoir*  
 wrong.) - - - Your brother's coat was torn,  
*tort. déchirer, v.*  
 but our tailor sewed it up again so skilfully,  
*tailleur, m. adroitement, adv.*  
 that his father did not perceive it. - - - Unsew  
 that gown. - - - I will sew it to-morrow. - - - The  
 Jews and the Mahometans circumcise their  
*Juif, m. Mahométan, m.*  
 children a few days after their birth. - - - Why  
*peu, adv. naissance, f.*  
 do not you preserve some fruits this year ? - - - He  
*année, f.*  
 would not know you, if he saw you now. - - Did  
*à présent adv.*

you ask him whether he (was acquainted with) any of  
 these ladies ? - - I know Mr. Y. but I do not trust  
 to him. - - You will force your father to punish you,  
 if you do not behave better. - - - The last  
 time we went to Vauxhall we drank three bottles of  
 Champagne wine. - - The enemy beat us on the  
 eighteenth, but we beat them again two days after.  
 - - What will you drink, ladies ? - - We shall willingly  
 drink some wine ; for we have not drunk  
 any since our departure from France. - - -  
 Drink, said she to me, (out of) that cup, the  
 only token which your father has left  
 us of his love. - - - Virtue in indigence is like  
 a traveller whom the wind and rain compel to  
 wrap himself up in his cloak. - - - I would have  
 preserved some fruits this year, but sugar is too  
 dear. - - - Thence we concluded you could not come  
 to-day. - - I know nobody in this neighbourhood. - - I  
 knew your sister again as soon as I saw her - - Though  
 you should take three dozen of them, I could  
 not abate a farthing. - - The wind was so great that  
 it has thrown down one or two trees in our garden.



**CRAINdre**, TO FEAR, TO BE AFRAID.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Craindre*, to fear.  
 Part. act. *Craignant*, fearing.  
 Part. pass. *Craint*, *ainte*, feared.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Crains*, *crains*, *craint*, I fear, or am afraid.  
 Plur. *Craignons*, *craignez*, *craignent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Craignois*, *craignois*, *craignoit*, I did fear, or  
 Plur. *Craignons*, *craigniez*, *craignoient*, was afraid.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Craignis*, *craignis*, *craignit*, I feared.  
 Plur. *Craignîmes*, *craignîtes*, *craignirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Craindrai*, *craindras*, *craindra*, I shall, or will  
 Plur. *Craindrons*, *craindrez*, *craindront*, fear.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Craindrois*, *craindrois*, *craindroit*, I should, &c.  
 Plur. *Craindriions*, *craindriez*, *craindroient*, fear.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Crains*, *craigne*, fear thou.  
 Plur. *Craignons*, *craignez*, *craignent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que que que*  
 Sing. *Craigne*, *craignes*, *craigne*, that I may fear.  
 Plur. *Craignons*, *craigniez*, *craignent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Craignisse*, *craignisses*, *craignît*, that I might  
 Plur. *Craignissions*, *craignissiez*, *craignissent*, fear.

**CROIRE**, TO BELIEVE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Croire*, to believe.  
 Part. act. *Croyant*, believing.  
 Part. pass. *Cru*, *ue*, believed.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Crois, crois, croit*, I believe.Plur. *Croyons, croyez, croient*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Croyois, croyois, croyoit*, I did believe.Plur. *Croyions, croyiez, croyoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Crus, crus, crut*, I believed.Plur. *Crûmes, crûtes, crurent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Croirai, croiras, croira*, I shall, or will believe.Plur. *Croirons, croirez, croiront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Croirois, croirois, croiroit*, I should, &c. believe.Plur. *Croirions, croiriez, croiroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Crois, croie*, believe thou.Plur. *Croyons, croyez, croient*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que que que Croie, croies, croie*, that I may believe.Plur. *Croyions, croyiez, croient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Crusse, crusses, crût*, that I might believe.Plur. *Crussions, crussiez, crussent*,**CROITRE**, TO GROW,

and its compounds,

*Accroître*, to accrue,*Décroître*, to decrease, to  
grow less,*Recroître*, to grow again.are conjugated like **CONNOITRE**.**CUIRE**, TO BAKE, TO BOIL, often *Englished by*

TO DO,

and its compound *Recuire*, to bake again ;

**DEDUIRE**, TO DEDUCT, TO ABATE,  
and **DETRUIRE**, TO DESTROY.  
are conjugated like **CONDUIRE**.

**DIRE**, TO SAY, TO TELL.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Dire*, to say.  
Part. act. *Disant*, saying.  
Part. pass. *Dit*, te, said.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing. *Dis*, *dis*, *dit*, I say, or am saying.  
Plur. *Disons*, *dites*,\* *disent*,

Imperfect.

Sing. *Disoïs*, *disoïs*, *disoit*, I did say, or was saying  
Plur. *Disions*, *disiez*, *disoient*,

Preterite.

Sing. *Dis*, *dis*, *dit*, I did say, or said.  
Plur. *Dîmes*, *dîtes*, *dirent*,

Future.

Sing. *Dirai*, *diras*, *dira*, I shall, or will say.  
Plur. *Dirons*, *direz*, *diront*,

Conditional.

Sing. *Dirois*, *dirois*, *diroit*, I should, &c. say.  
Plur. *Dirions*, *diriez*, *diroient*,

IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Dis*, *dise*, say thou.  
Plur. *Disons*, *dites*,\* *disent*,

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.

*Que* *que* *que*  
Sing. *Dise*, *dises*, *dise*, that I may say.  
Plur. *Disions*, *disiez*, *disent*,

Preterite.

Sing. *Disse*, *disses*, *dît*, that I might say.  
Plur. *Dissions*, *dissiez*, *dissent*,

\* All the above compounds (*Redire* excepted, which is conjugated like its primitive) makes *isez* instead of *ites*; and *Maudire* doubles its *s* through the whole verb; ex. *Nous maudissons*, *vous maudissez*, *ils maudissent*, &c.

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Contredire</i> , to contradict.	<i>Interdire</i> , to interdict, to forbid.
<i>Se dédire</i> , to unsay, to retract, to recant.	<i>Predire</i> , to foretell.
<i>Redire</i> , to say, or tell again.	<i>Médire de</i> , to slander, to speak ill.
	<i>Maudire</i> , to curse.

**ECLORE**, TO HATCH, TO OPEN, TO COME TO LIFE.

This verb is seldom used but in the infinitive mood, present tense, and the third person of the following tenses.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Eclore</i> , to open, to hatch, to come to life.
Part. pass.	<i>Eclos, ose</i> ,

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Il éclôt.</i>
Plur.	<i>Ils éclosent.</i>

Future.

Sing.	<i>Il éclôra.</i>
Plur.	<i>Ils éclôront</i>

Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Il éclôroit.</i>
Plur.	<i>Ils éclôroient.</i>

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing.	<i>Qu'il éclose.</i>
Plur.	<i>Qu'ils éclosent.</i>

It is only used when speaking of oviparous animals, or of flowers.

The primitive of the above verb is *Clore*, to shut, to surround ; and another compound, *Enclore*, to shut in, to surround with walls, hedges, or ditches.

**ECRIRE**, TO WRITE.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Ecrire</i> , to write.
Part. act.	<i>Ecrivant</i> , writing.
Part. pass.	<i>Ecrit, ite</i> , written.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Ecris, écris, écrit*, I write, or am writing.  
 Plur. *Ecrivons, écrivez, écrivent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Ecrivois, écrivois, écrivait*, I did write, or was  
 Plur. *Ecrivions, écriviez, écrivoient*, writing.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Ecrivis, écrivis, écrivit*, I wrote, or did write.  
 Plur. *Ecrivîmes, écrivîtes, écrivirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Ecrirai, écriras, écrira*, I shall, or will write.  
 Plur. *Ecrivrons, écrirez, écriront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Ecrirois, écrirois, écriroit*, I should, &c. write.  
 Plur. *Ecrivions, écriviez, écriroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Ecris, écrive*, write thou.  
 Plur. *Ecrivons, écrivez, écrivent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que que que*  
*Ecrive, écrives, écrive*, that I may write.  
 Plur. *Ecrivions, écriviez, écrivent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Ecrivisse, écrivisses, écrivît*, that I might write.  
 Plur. *Ecrivissions, écrivissiez, écrivissent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Décrire</i> , to describe.	<i>Proscrire</i> , to proscribe, to
<i>Inscrire</i> , to inscribe.	outlaw, to banish.
<i>Prescrire</i> , to prescribe.	<i>Souscrire</i> , to subscribe.
<i>Récrire</i> , to write again.	<i>Transcrire</i> , to transcribe.

**ENDUIRE**, TO DO OVER,  
 is conjugated like **CONDUIRE**.

**ETEINDRE**, TO EXTINGUISH,  
 is conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**EXCLURE**, TO EXCLUDE,  
is conjugated like **CONCLURE**.

Its participle passive is *exclus*.

**FAIRE**, TO MAKE, TO DO.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Faire</i> , to make.
Part. act.	<i>Faisant</i> ,* making.
Part. pass.	<i>Fait</i> , <i>te</i> , made.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing.	<i>Fais</i> ,	<i>fais</i> ,	<i>fait</i> ,	I make, or am making.
Plur.	<i>Faisons</i> ,	* <i>faites</i> ,	<i>font</i> ,	

Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Faisois</i> ,	<i>faisois</i> ,	<i>faisoit</i> ,	I did make, or was
Plur.	<i>Faisions</i> ,	<i>faisiez</i> ,	<i>faisoient</i> ,	making.

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Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Fis</i> ,	<i>fis</i> ,	<i>fit</i> ,	I made, or did make.
Plur.	<i>Fîmes</i> ,	<i>fîtes</i> ,	<i>fîrent</i> ,	

Future.

Sing.	<i>Ferai</i> ,	<i>feras</i> ,	<i>fera</i> ,	I shall, or will make.
Plur.	<i>Ferons</i> ,	<i>ferrez</i> ,	<i>feront</i> ,	

Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Ferois</i> ,	<i>ferois</i> ,	<i>feroit</i> ,	I should, &c. make.
Plur.	<i>Ferions</i> ,	<i>feriez</i> ,	<i>feroient</i> ,	

IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Fais</i> ,	<i>fasse</i> ,	make thou.
Plur.	<i>Faisons</i> ,	<i>faites</i> ,	<i>fassent</i> ,

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SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Fasse</i> ,	<i>fasses</i> ,	<i>fasse</i> ,	that I may make.
Plur.	<i>Fassions</i> ,	<i>fassiez</i> ,	<i>fassent</i> ,	

Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Fîses</i> ,	<i>fîsses</i> ,	<i>fît</i> ,	that I might make.
Plur.	<i>Fissions</i> ,	<i>fissiez</i> ,	<i>fissent</i> ,	

\* In the whole of the *imperfect*, and in the other cases marked with a\*, *ai* is silent.

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Contrefaire</i> , to counterfeit, to mimic.	<i>Refaire</i> , to do, or make up again.
<i>Défaire</i> , to undo, to de- feat.	<i>Redéfaire</i> , to undo again.
<i>Se défaire</i> , to get rid of, to part with.	<i>Satisfaire</i> , to satisfy.
	<i>Surfaire</i> , to exact, to ask too much.

**FEINDRE**, TO FEIGN, TO DISSEMELE, TO  
PRETEND,

is conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**FRIRE**, TO FRY.

This verb is more elegantly used in its present infinitive with the verb *faire* conjugated : ex.

Faites frire *ce poisson*, Fry that fish.

Its participle passive is *frit*, *ite*, fried.

**INDUIRE**, TO INDUCE.

**INSTRUIRE**, TO INSTRUCT,  
and **INTRODUIRE**, TO INTRODUCE,  
are conjugated like **CONDUIRE**.

**JOINDRE**, TO JOIN,

and its compound, *Enjoindre*, to enjoin,  
are conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**LIRE**, TO READ.

INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Lire*, to read.

Part. act. *Lisant*, reading.

Part. pass. *Lu*, *ue*, read.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present.

Sing. <i>Lis</i> ,	<i>lis</i> ,	<i>lit</i> , I read, or am reading.
Plur. <i>Lisons</i> ,	<i>lisez</i> ,	<i>lisent</i> ,

Imperfect.

Sing. <i>Lisois</i> ,	<i>lisois</i> ,	<i>lisoit</i> , I did read, or was reading.
Plur. <i>Lisions</i> ,	<i>lisiez</i> ,	<i>lisoient</i> ,

## Preterite.

Sing. <i>Lus,</i>	<i>lus,</i>	<i>lut,</i>	I read, or did read.
Plur. <i>Lûmes,</i>	<i>lûtes,</i>	<i>lurent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing. <i>Lirai,</i>	<i>liras,</i>	<i>lira,</i>	I shall, or will read.
Plur. <i>Lirons,</i>	<i>lirez,</i>	<i>liront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing. <i>Lirois,</i>	<i>lirais,</i>	<i>liroit,</i>	I should, would, &c.
Plur. <i>Lirions,</i>	<i>liriez,</i>	<i>liroient,</i>	read.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. <i>Lis,</i>	<i>lise,</i>	read thou.
Plur. <i>Lisons,</i>	<i>lisez,</i>	<i>lisent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing. <i>Lise,</i>	<i>lises,</i>	<i>lise,</i>	that I may read.
Plur. <i>Lisions,</i>	<i>lisiez,</i>	<i>lisent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing. <i>Lusse,</i>	<i>lusses,</i>	<i>lût,</i>	that I might read.
Plur. <i>Lussions,</i>	<i>lussiez,</i>	<i>lussent,</i>	

Its compounds are,

*Elire*, to elect. *Relire*, to read again.**LUIRE**, TO SHINE,and its compound *Reluire*, to glitter,  
are conjugated-like **CONDUIRE** ;but take no *t* at the end of their participle passive :  
ex. *Lui*, shined.**METTRE**,\* TO PUT.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Mettre</i> , to put.
Part. act.	<i>Mettant</i> , putting.
Part. pass.	<i>Mis</i> , <i>se</i> , put.

\* *Mettre*, when conjugated as a reflective verb, expresses the beginning or continuation of an action or application ; it is then constantly followed by the particle *à*, and an infinitive mood. It is rendered, in English, by the verb *to begin* : ex.

*Toutes les fois qu'il la voit, il se met à rire,* Every time he sees her, he *begins* laughing.  
*Il s'est mis tout de bon à étudier,* He *has begun to study* in earnest



## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Mets*, *mets*, *met*, I put, or am putting.Plur. *Mettons*, *mettez*, *mettent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Mettois*, *mettois*, *mettoit*, I did put, or was putting.Plur. *Mettions*, *mettiez*, *mettoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Mis*, *mis*, *mit*, I did put, or put.Plur. *Mîmes*, *mîtes*, *mirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Mettrai*, *mettras*, *mettra*, I shall, or will put.Plur. *Mettrons*, *mettrez*, *mettront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Mettrois*, *mettrois*, *mettroit*, I should, would, &c.Plur. *Mettrions*, *mettriez*, *mettroient*, put.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Mets*, *mette*, put thou.Plur. *Mettons*, *mettez*, *mettent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que* *que* *que*  
*Mette*, *mettes*, *mette*, that I may put.Plur. *Mettions*, *mettiez*, *mettent*,

## Present.

Sing. *Misse*, *misses*, *mît*, that I might put.Plur. *Missions*, *missiez*, *missent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

*Admettre*, to admit.*Commettre*, to commit.*Compromettre*, to compromise.*Démettre*, to turn out, to remove.*Se démettre de*, to resign.*Omettre*, to omit.*Permettre*, to permit.*Promettre*, to promise.\**Remettre*, to deliver up, to put back again, to recollect, to put off, to defer.*Soumettre*, to submit,*Transmettre*, to transmit.

\*The participle active of this verb (promising,) when used adjectively, and expressing the mental qualities of somebody, is rendered in French by *qui promette* or *promettoit beaucoup*, or *dont il y a*, or *avoit beaucoup à espérer*: ex.

*Le Major A. étoit un officier qui promettoit beaucoup, ou dont il y avoit beaucoup à espérer,*

Major A. was a very promising officer.

**MOUDRE, TO GRIND.****INFINITIVE MOOD.**Present. *Moudre*, to grind.Part. act. *Moulant*, grinding.Part. pass. *Moulu, ue*, ground.**INDICATIVE MOOD.****Present.**Sing. *Mouds*, *mouds*, *moud*, I grind, or am grinding.Plur. *Moulons*, *moulez*, *moulent*,**Imperfect.**Sing. *Moulois*, *moulois*, *mouloit*, I did grind, or wasPlur. *Moulions*, *mouliez*, *mouloient*, grinding.**Preterite.**Sing. *Moulus*, *moulus*, *moulut*, I ground, or didPlur. *Moulûmes*, *moulûtes*, *moulurent*, grind.**Future.**Sing. *Moudrai*, *moudras*, *moudra*, I shall, or will grind.Plur. *Moudrons*, *moudrez*, *moudront*,**Conditional.**Sing. *Moudrois*, *moudrois*, *moudroit*, I should, would,Plur. *Moudrions*, *moudriez*, *moudroient*, &c. grind.**IMPERATIVE MOOD.**Sing. *Mouds*, *moule*, grind thou.Plur. *Moulons*, *moulez*, *moulent*,**SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.****Present.**Sing. *Que Moule*, *que moules*, *que moule*, that I may grind.Plur. *Moulions*, *mouliez*, *moulent*,**Preterite.**Sing. *Moulusse*, *moulusses*, *moulût*, that I might grind.Plur. *Moulussions*, *moulussiez*, *moulussent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

*Emoudre*, to whet. *Remoudre*, to grind again.**EXERCISES ON THE FOREGOING VERBS****AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.**

Do not fear to tell her what you think of it. - - - I

*de lui penser, v.*

will speak to her to oblige you, but I know she

does not fear me. --- Why do you not believe me ? ---  
 They (are afraid) of being exposed to some dangers. ---

--- We would not believe him, though he should tell

the truth. --- Why would you not ? --- You should not

speak so imprudently before I know not whom,

who slanders every body. --- These flowers would

grow much better if you watered them oftener. ---

Put out the candle, and do not pretend to sleep.

--- Were I in town, I would tell them all that

I think (about it). --- Say nothing to her; believe

me. --- I will tell it to you to-morrow. --- I esteem

your daughter much, because she told me sincerely that she would do neither. --- They who say all they know, will readily say what they

do not know. --- Tell the truth with modesty: they who do not love it, will always respect and fear it. ---

If I see your father, shall I tell him you are afraid of

not succeeding ? --- Do you think me capable of

forgetting my friends so soon ? No, I do not. --- You

always contradict me when I speak. --- It is prudent and humane not to speak ill of any body :

but it is a meanness to speak ill of your bene-

factors. - - We often do good to those who  
*fauteur, m. souvent, adv. bien, m.*  
 are not worthy of it, and harm to those who  
*mal, m.*

do not deserve it. - - Will you tell me, after  
*mériter, v.*

is, that I am not your friend? - - I hope she  
*que, c.*

will not tell them what happened to me yesterday  
*leur*

day. - - I was telling it yesterday to several friends of  
 mine, and every body began crying. - - I do not  
*\* pleurer.*

like Miss D. because she speaks ill of every body.  
*parceque, c.*

- - Her father has transmitted her all his fortune, but  
*lui*

not his virtues. - - Sylla proscribed about four  
*plus de, adv.*

thousand Roman citizens. - - Does Mr. R. write to  
*Romain citoyen, m.*

you (now and then) from Paris? - - Do you  
*de temps, entemps, adv.*

know his direction? - - Would you not write to him  
*adresse, f.*

if you knew it? - - We were writing while  
*pendant que, c.*

they slept. - - If your brother come here, detain him,  
 and tell him I have something to show him.

- - The last time they wrote to him, they desired  
*à faire voir*  
*prier, v.*

him to send them the invoice of the goods, and he  
*de leur facture, f. marchandises,*  
 has still omitted it in his letter. - - What are you  
*encore, adv.*

doing now? - - I am making a cap for your sister  
*maintenant, adv.*

ter. - - Do not do that; I will do it myself. - - I would  
 do it with all my heart, if I could. - - What would  
*de*

\* See the note, page 197.

you have done, if you had been in my place ? - - -

Why do you not fry that fish ? - - - The first time  
*si, c.* *à, p.*

you come to see me, I will show you some  
 (by the fut.) *fois, f.*

flowers in my garden which will surprise you. - - -

- - Silk-worms generally hatch at the end of the

*Les vers à soie*  
 spring. - - These rose-trees grow perceptibly,  
*printemps, m.* *rosier, m.* *à vue d'œil, adv.*

and those tulips would soon open, if it were a  
*faisoit, v.*

little warmer. - - - Though they should deduct ten  
*chaud, adj.* *Quand, c.*

per cent. they would get still enough.  
*pour* *gagner, v.* *encore, adv.*

- - I never buy (any thing) at Mr. P\*\*\*'s ; for, he  
*acheter, v.* *rien* *chez* *car, c.*

always (asks too much for) his goods. - - - I will  
*surfaire, v.* *marchandise, f.*

undo my gown to-morrow, and do it up again imme-  
*sur-le-*

diately. - - - The first time you mimic any  
*champ, adv.* (by the fut.)

one, I will punish you severely. - - - I would introduce  
*présenter, v.*

your sister to Mrs. F. if I knew her. - - - She would  
 consent to that, if you would promise her to come

here. - - - They were playing while you instructed  
*rouloir* *lui de*  
 them. - - You truly join what is useful to what is  
*vraiment, adv.*

agreeable. - - - Did not our soldiers join dexterity  
*adresse, f.*

to valour ? - - - If you do not take great care of  
*prendre, v.*

your flowers, the frost will destroy them. - - - Mr.  
*gelée, f.*

S. says he will get rid of his horse (at the) begin-  
*au* *commence-*

ning of next month. -- You would put out the fire, if  
*ment, m.*

&c. --- Undo that, make it up again before dinner,  
*avant, p.*

and never defer until to-morrow what you can do to-  
*à, p.*

day. --- Your daughter joins to the love of study the  
 desire of surpassing her companions. --- Always  
*compagne, f.*

virtuous, still handsome, she makes herself  
*toujours, adv.*

more enemies than friends ; but a day will come  
 when every body will do her the justice she  
*que, c. rendre, v. lui*

deserves. -- She reads the history of England every  
*mériter, v.*

day, from three o'clock till five. -- I will read  
*depuis, heure jusqu'à, p.*

your letter as soon as I am dressed. - The  
 (by the fut.) *habillé, p. p.*

inhabitants of W\*\*\* have elected Mr. V. W. for  
 their representative in parliament. -- I was reading  
*représentant, m. au*

Marmontel's Tales when you came in. --- Mr.  
*Comte, m. enterer, v.*

R. wrote to me some time ago, that when he  
 was in London, the Earl of E\*\*\* told him  
*Comte, m.*

we should soon see a great change in the  
*changement, m.*

ministry. --- He often writes to me, and always con-  
*ministère, m.*

cludes his letter thus: (Be so kind as to) send me  
*Avoir la bonté de*

some news, whatever it may be. -- Put these books in  
*en*

their places again. --- I believe he did it through  
*par, p.*

spite. --- Shall I put another trimming to your  
*dépit. garniture, f.*

gown? - - I read last year, a very good book, but I cannot remember the author's name. - - - What grammar do you read? - - - Whatever merit a master has, he cannot succeed in teaching young people *réussir* à,p.

if he do not join practice to theory. - - - I would put all your china in that closet, if I had *porcelaine*,f. *cabinet*,m.

the key of it. - - You could not do it in ten days, if *en*

I did not help you. - - We could not permit him *aider*,v.

to go out, though they would. - - - Why do not you *de* *quand*,c.

abstain from wine, since it hurts you? - - - *puisque*,c. *faire mal*,v.

He promised to pay me the tenth of this month, *de*

but he has now put me off to the third of December. - - - He submitted to it with the greatest patience. *se soumettre*

- - You promise enough, but you seldom *rarement*,adv.

keep your word. - - - Mr. D. is a very promising *tenir*,v.

young man. - - It is he who told me, that, before the invention of water and wind-mills, the ancient *Ce*,pro. \* *a-*

used to grind their corn in mortars. - - Will they not admit Mr. Z. in their society? - - *avant*

*avoit coutume*,v. *de* *grain*,m. *dans* mortars. - - Will they not admit Mr. Z. in their society? - - *tier*,m.

No, they told me that they would not. - - The English fleets have performed actions worthy to be *faire*,v. *de*

transmitted to posterity. - - - Your brother promises me every day to amend; but, &c. - - - Were I *de se corriger*,v.

their master, I would not permit them to go out to  
 day. - - - I was writing to you, when your servant  
 brought me your letter.

# *NAÎTRE*, TO BE BORN, TO RISE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Naître</i> , to be born.
Part. act.	<i>Naissant</i> , being born, rising.
Part. pass.	<i>Né, ée</i> , been born.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

### Present.

Sing. <i>Nais</i> ,	<i>nais</i> ,	<i>naît</i> , I am born.
Plur. <i>Naissons</i> ,	<i>naissez</i> ,	<i>naissent</i> ,

### Imperfect.

Sing. <i>Naissois</i> ,	<i>naissois</i> ,	<i>naïssoit</i> , I was born.
Plur. <i>Naissions</i> ,	<i>naissiez</i> ,	<i>naïssoient</i> ,

### Preterite.

Sing. <i>Naquis</i> ,	<i>naquis</i> ,	<i>naquit</i> , I was born.
Plur. <i>Naquîmes</i> ,	<i>naquîtes</i> ,	<i>naquirent</i> ,

### Future.

Sing. <i>Naîtrai</i> ,	<i>naîtras</i> ,	<i>naîtra</i> , I shall, or will be born
Plur. <i>Naîtrons</i> ,	<i>naîtrez</i> ,	<i>naîtront</i> ,

### Conditional.

Sing. <i>Naîtrois</i> ,	<i>naîtrois</i> ,	<i>naîtroit</i> , I should, &c. be born.
Plur. <i>Naîtrions</i> ,	<i>naîtriez</i> ,	<i>naîtroient</i> ,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Nais</i> ,	<i>naisse</i> , be thou born.
Plur. <i>Naissons</i> ,	<i>naissez</i> ,	<i>naissent</i> ,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

### Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing. <i>Naisse</i> ,	<i>naisses</i> ,	<i>naisse</i> ,	that I may be born.	
Plur. <i>Naissions</i> ,	<i>naissiez</i> ,	<i>naissent</i> ,		

### Preterite.

Sing. <i>Naquisse</i> ,	<i>naquissiez</i> ,	<i>naquît</i> ,	that I might be
Plur. <i>Naquissions</i> ,	<i>naquissiez</i> ,	<i>naquissent</i> ,	born.

The compound of this verb is

*Renâître*, to be born again, to revive.



**NUIRE**, TO HURT,

is conjugated like **CONDUIRE**, but makes, in its participle passive, *nui*.

**OINDRE**, TO ANOINT.

This verb is seldom used, except in speaking of sacred ceremonies wherein oil is made use of. It is conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**PAITRE**, TO FEED, TO GRAZE,**PAROITRE**, TO APPEAR, TO SEEM,  
and its compounds,

*Comparôître*, to appear, to | *Disparôître*, to disappear,  
make one's evidence,

are conjugated like **CONNOITRE**.

**PEINDRE**, TO PAINT, TO DRAW,**PLAINdre**, TO PITY,  
and *Se Plaindre*, to complain,  
are conjugated like **CRAINdre**.**PLAIRE**, TO PLEASE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Plaire</i> , to please.
Part. act.	<i>Plaisant</i> , pleasing.
Part. pass.	<i>Plu</i> , pleased.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Plais</i> ,	<i>plais</i> ,	<i>plait</i> , I please.
Plur.	<i>Plaisons</i> ,	<i>plaisez</i> ,	<i>plaisent</i> ,

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Plaisois</i> ,	<i>plaisois</i> ,	<i>plaisoit</i> , I did please, or was
Plur.	<i>Plaisions</i> ,	<i>plaisiez</i> ,	<i>plaisoient</i> , pleasing.

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Plus</i> ,	<i>plus</i> ,	<i>plut</i> , I pleased, or did please.
Plur.	<i>Plumes</i> ,	<i>-plûtes</i> ,	<i>plurent</i> ,

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Plairai</i> ,	<i>plairas</i> ,	<i>plaira</i> , I shall, or will please.
Plur.	<i>Plairons</i> ,	<i>plairez</i> ,	<i>plairont</i> ,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Plairois, plairois, plairoit*, I should, would, &c.  
 Plur. *Plairions, plairiez, plairoient*, please.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Plais, plaise*, please thou.  
 Plur. *Plaisons, plaisez, plaisent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que plaise, que plaisses, que plaise*, that I may please.  
 Plur. *Plaisions, plaisiez, plaisent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Plusse, plusses, plût*, that I might please.  
 Plur. *Plussions, plussiez, plussent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

*Complaire*, to humour, *Déplaire*, to displease.

**PRENDRE**, TO TAKE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Prendre*, to take.  
 Part. act. *Prenant*, taking.  
 Part. pass. *Pris, ise*, taken.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Prends, prends, prend*, I take, or am taking.  
 Plur. *Prenons, prenez, prennent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Prenois, prenois, prenoit*, I did take, or was taking.  
 Plur. *Prenions, preniez, prenoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Pris, pris, prit*, I took, or did take.  
 Plur. *Prîmes, prîtes, prîrent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Prendrai, prendras, prendra*, I shall, or will take.  
 Plur. *Prendrons, prendrez, prendront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Prendrois, prendrois, prendroit*, I should, would,  
 Plur. *Prendrions, prendriez, prendroient*, &c. take

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Prends, prenne*, take thou.  
 Plur. *Prenons, prenez, prennent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Que            que            que  
 Sing. *Prenne, prennes, prenne*, that I may take.  
 Plur. *Prenions, preniez, prennent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Prisse, prisses, prît*, that I might take.  
 Plur. *Prissions, prissiez, prissent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

<i>Apprendre</i> , to learn.	<i>Entreprendre</i> , to under
— <i>des nouvelles</i> , to	take.
hear of.	<i>Méprendre</i> , to mistake, to
<i>Comprendre</i> , to apprehend,	be deceived.
to understand, to in-	<i>Reprendre</i> , to take again
clude.	to chide, to rebuke.
<i>Désapprendre</i> , to unlearn.	<i>Surprendre</i> , to surprise.

**PRODUIRE**, TO PRODUCE,

**REDUIRE**, TO REDUCE, TO BRING TO,  
 are conjugated like **CONDUIRE**.

**RESTREINDRE**, TO RESTRAIN,  
 is conjugated like **CRAINdre**.

**RIRE**, TO LAUGH.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Rire*, to laugh.  
 Part. act. *Riant*, laughing.  
 Part. pass. *Ri*, laughed.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Ris, ris, rit*, I laugh, or am laughing.  
 Plur. *Rions, riez, rient*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Riois, riois, rioit*, I did laugh, or was laughing.  
 Plur. *Riions. riez, rioient*,

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Ris,</i>	<i>ris,</i>	<i>rit,</i>	I laughed, or did laugh.
Plur.	<i>Rîmes,</i>	<i>rîles,</i>	<i>rîrent,</i>	

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Rirai,</i>	<i>riras,</i>	<i>rira,</i>	I shall, or will laugh.
Plur.	<i>Rirons,</i>	<i>rirez,</i>	<i>riront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Rirois</i>	<i>rirois,</i>	<i>riroit,</i>	I should, could, &c.
Plur.	<i>Ririons,</i>	<i>ririez,</i>	<i>riroient,</i>	laugh.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.		<i>Ris,</i>	<i>rie,</i>	laugh thou.
Plur.	<i>Rions,</i>	<i>riez,</i>	<i>rient,</i>	

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Rie,</i>	<i>ries,</i>	<i>rie,</i>	that I may laugh.
Plur.	<i>Rions,</i>	<i>riez,</i>	<i>rient,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Risse,</i>	<i>risses,</i>	<i>rit,</i>	that I might laugh.
Plur.	<i>Rissions,</i>	<i>rissiez,</i>	<i>rissent,</i>	

The compound of this verb is, *Sourire*, to smile.

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**SEDUIRE**, TO SEDUCE,  
is conjugated like **CONDUIRE**.

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**SUFFIRE**, TO SUFFICE, TO BE SUFFICIENT,  
is conjugated like **CONFIRE** ; but its participle passive  
is *suffi*.

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**SUIVRE**, TO FOLLOW.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Suivre</i> , to follow.
Part. act.	<i>Suivant</i> , following.
Part. pass.	<i>Suivi</i> , ie, followed.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing.	<i>Suis,</i>	<i>sus,</i>	<i>suit,</i>	I follow, or am following.
Plur.	<i>Suivons,</i>	<i>suivez,</i>	<i>suivent,</i>	

## Imperfect.

Sing.	<i>Suirois,</i>	<i>suirois,</i>	<i>suiroit,</i>	I did follow, or was fol-
Plur.	<i>Suivions,</i>	<i>suiviez,</i>	<i>suiroient,</i>	lowing.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Suivis, suivis, suivit*, I followed, *or* did follow  
 Plur. *Suivîmes, suivîtes, suivirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Suivrai, suivras, suivra*, I shall, *or* will follow.  
 Plur. *Suivrons, suivrez, suivront*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Suivrois, suivrois, suivroit*, I should, &c. follow.  
 Plur. *Suivriions, suivriez, suivroient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Suis, suive*, follow thou.  
 Plur. *Suivons, suivez, suivent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

*Que que que*  
 Sing. *Suive, suives, suive*, that I may follow.  
 Plur. *Suivions, suiviez, suivent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Suivisse, suivisses, suivît*, that I might follow.  
 Plur. *Suivissions, suivissiez, suivissent*,

The compounds of this verb are,

*S'ensuivre*, to follow from. *Poursuivre*, to pursue.

*Se TAIRE*, TO HOLD ONE'S TONGUE,  
 is conjugated like *PLAIRE*.

*TEINDRE*, TO DIE,  
 is conjugated like *CRAINDRE*.

*TRADUIRE*, TO TRANSLATE,  
 is conjugated like *CONDUIRE*.

*TRAIRE*, TO MILK.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Traire*, to milk.  
 Part. act. *Trayant*, milking.  
 Part. pass. *Trait, aité*, milked.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Trais, traïs, trait*, I milk, or am milking.Plur. *Trayons, trayez, traient*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Trayois, trayois, trayoit*, I did milk, or was milking.Plur. *Trayions, trayiez, trayoient*,

Preterite is wanting.

## Future.

Sing. *Tairai, tairas, taira*, I shall, or will milk.Plur. *Tairons, tairez, tairont*,

## Conditional.

Sing. *Tairois, tirois, tiroit*, I should, &c. milk.Plur. *Tairions, tairiez, tairoient*,

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Trais, traie*, milk thou.Plur. *Trayons, trayez, traient*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que traie, que traies, que traie*, that I may milk.Plur. *Trayions, trayiez, traient*.

Preterite is wanting.

The compounds of this verb are,

*Abstraire*, to abstract.*Distraire*, to distract.*Extraire*, to extract.*Rentraire*, to fine draw.*Soustraire*, to subtract.*Retraire*, to milk again.**VAINCRE**, TO VANQUISH, TO CONQUER.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Vaincre*, to conquer.Part. act. *Vainquant*, conquering.Part. pass. *Vaincu, ue*, conquered.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Vains, vaines, vainc*,\* I conquer.Plur. *Vainquons, vainquez, vainquent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Vainquois, vainquois, vainquoit*, I did conquer.Plur. *Vainquions, vainquiez, vainquoient*,

\* The singular of this tense and the imperfect are very little used.

## Preterite.

Sing. *Vainquis, vainquois, vainquit*, I conquered.Plur. *Vainquîmes, vainquîtes, vainquirent*,

## Future.

Sing. *Vaincrai, vaincras, vaincra*, I shall, or will con-Plur. *Vaincrons, vaincrez, vaincront*, quer.

## Conditional.

Sing. *Vaincrois, vaincrois, vaincroit*, I should, &c.Plur. *Vaincrons, vaincriez, vaincroient*, conquer.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing. *Vaincs, vainque*, conquer thou.Plur. *Vainquons, vainquez, vainquent*,

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Que vainque, que vainques, que vainque*, that I may conquer.Plur. *Vainquions, vainquiez, vainquent*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Vainquisse, vainquisses, vainquît*, that I mightPlur. *Vainquissions, vainquissiez, vainquissent*, conquer.

The compound of this verb is,

*Convaincre*, to convince.*VIVRE*, TO LIVE.

## INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Vivre*, to live.Part. act. *Vivant*, living.Part. pass. *Vécu*, lived.

## INDICATIVE MOOD.

## Present.

Sing. *Vis, vis, vit*, I live, or am living.Plur. *Vivons, vivez, vivent*,

## Imperfect.

Sing. *Vivois, vivois, vivoit*, I did live, or was living.Plur. *Vivions, viviez, vivoient*,

## Preterite.

Sing. *Vécus, vécus, vécut*, I lived, or did live.Plur. *Vécumes, vécûtes, vécutent*,

## Future.

Sing.	<i>Vivrai,</i>	<i>vivras,</i>	<i>vivra,</i>	I shall, or will live.
Plur.	<i>Vivrons,</i>	<i>vivrez,</i>	<i>vivront,</i>	

## Conditional.

Sing.	<i>Vivrois,</i>	<i>vivrois,</i>	<i>vivroit,</i>	I should, would, &c.
Plur.	<i>Vivrions,</i>	<i>vivriez,</i>	<i>vivroient,</i>	live.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

Sing.	<i>Vis,</i>	<i>vive,</i>	live thou.
Plur.	<i>Vivons,</i>	<i>virez,</i>	<i>vivent,</i>

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

## Present.

	<i>Que</i>	<i>que</i>	<i>que</i>	
Sing.	<i>Vive,</i>	<i>vives,</i>	<i>vive,</i>	that I may live.
Plur.	<i>Vivions,</i>	<i>viviez,</i>	<i>vivent,</i>	

## Preterite.

Sing.	<i>Vécusse,</i>	<i>vécusses,</i>	<i>vécût,</i>	that I might live.
Plur.	<i>Vécussions,</i>	<i>vécussiez,</i>	<i>vecussent.</i>	

The compounds of this verb are,

*Revivre,* to revive.

*Survivre,* to outlive.

## EXERCISES ON THE FOREGOING VERBS AND THEIR COMPOUNDS.

My brother was born in Paris, on the eighth of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one. --  
*vrier,*

The same men who seem not to fear death when  
*lorsque,* adv.

they are in good health, often dread it when  
*en* *redouter,* v

they are sick. -- What does your sister complain of ?

-- -- The swallows generally disappear towards the  
*hirondelle,* f. *vers,* p.

end of autumn. -- -- You do not seem to pay any  
*automne,* f. *faire,* v. *en*

attention to what I say to you. -- -- This man paints  
very well, I assure you. -- -- Why would you  
*assurer,* v.

hurt him ? he never did you any harm. -- -- I should  
*lui* *faire,* v. *mal,* m.



pity and succour him, if it were not his fault. - - -  
*ce, pro.*

You shall disappear as soon as you have ex-  
 ecuted my orders; and take care not to speak  
*avez, p. soin, m. de*  
 to any body, for you know that walls have ears  
*car, c. mur*

- - - The last time I saw your sister, she ap-  
 peared to me thoughtful and melancholy. - - - - - She  
*roître pensif, adj. mélancolique, adj. Ce*  
 is a lady that pleases every body. - - - - She appears  
*à*

quite\* young : how old is she ? - - - Does she not  
 learn drawing ? - - - Your brother has not included his  
*dessein, m.*

tailor's bill in the account which he has  
*tailleur, m. mémoire, m. compte, m.*  
 given me. - - - I see you do not complain of him  
*rendre, v.*

without a cause. - - - I really am surprised (at it,) but  
*en, pro.*

he always smiles at (every thing) I tell him. - - As sur-  
*de tout ce que*  
 prising as this seems to you, yet it is true. - -  
*cependant, adv. ce*

At last the enemy surprised and defeated them in the  
*Enfin, adv.*  
 space of twelve days. - - - If they had wished, they  
*espace, m.*

might have taken the town three days sooner, but the  
 soldiers were so exhausted with fatigue, that they  
*épuisés, p. p. de, p.*

could not even hold their guns. - - - May these  
*même, adv. Puissent*  
 brave men long enjoy the glory which they have ac-  
*jour de*

quired. - - I sincerely wish they may. - - - Children sel-  
*rare-*

\* *Tout*, adv. before an adjective beginning with a consonant or an  
 h mute, agrees with it.

dom forget, when they continually  
*ment,adv. lorsque,c. continuellement,adv.*  
 exercise their minds to study. - - If my brother do not  
*exercer,v.*

come this week, as he promised me, if you will, we  
 will go and see him in the country. - - - - Does not

*en à*  
 Mrs. H. appear much concerned at her daugh-  
*Mme bien affligée,p.p. de*  
 ter's death ? - - - When you see Mrs. B. I am

(by the fut.)  
 certain she will please you. - - - Did you never see  
*sûr,adv.*

her ? - - - The children who (shall be born) from this  
 happy marriage will be the delight of their  
*délicies,f.pl.*

father and mother - - - She joins to the qualities of the  
 body those of the mind. - - Take some pears, and carry  
 them to your brother. - - - Every time I see him, I take  
 him for a foreigner. - - - My sister and I learn French,  
*étranger,m*

and understand very well all that (is said) to us in that  
*on dit*

language. - - - Though you should learn all the rules,  
*langue,f. Quand,c.*  
 they would not (be sufficient) without practice. - - I did  
*suffire,v.*

not understand what you said. - - - Do not undertake to  
*de*  
 undeceive her ; believe me, you will lose your time.  
*détromper,v.*

- - - - Virtue procures and preserves friendship, but  
*obtenir,v. conserver,v.*

vice produces hatred and quarrels. - - - If you  
*vice,m. haine,f. querelle,f.*

complain to the master, I will complain to the  
 mistress. - - - Though you should undertake to prove  
*Quand de*

the contrary, she would not believe you. - - - Why did  
 not you take the same road as we ? - - - He (is not  
*que*

pleased) in his situation, now he sees all the dangers  
*se plaire, v.*

of it. -- He has suffered much, and none of his friends  
has pitied him. --- The idea of his misfortune pur-

sues him every-where. --- When did you hear of him ?  
*idée, f. malheur, m.*

--- Captain D. told my father that he had seen  
*par-tout, adv. apprendre des nouvelles*

him, and spoken to him at Madras. --- We often  
mistake when we judge of others by ap-  
*se méprendre, v. juger, v.*

pearances ; and often a person displeases us by the  
very\* quality by which another has pleased us.  
*même, adj.*

--- The people who often seem the most zealous  
*gens, m. zélé, adj.*

are not always the most constant. --- Leave me  
*Laisser, v.*

that book a little longer, do not take it again. ---  
*peu*

That apple-tree produces no fruit. --- They retook  
*pommier, m.*

our ship. --- Go and speak to Mr. --- ; but above all  
*sur, p.*

do not laugh. --- Would you not laugh, if you were  
in my place ? --- We laughed much yesterday at

the play. --- She was an agreeable lady, she was  
ever smiling when any one had the honour  
*toujours, adv.*

of speaking to her. --- He seduced her by his fine  
promises. --- Whatever he may undertake, he never

will succeed, he is (too much) addicted to the  
*trop, adv. adonné, p. p.*

pleasures of this world. --- Young people tell  
*gens, m. & f.*

what they do, old people what they have done,  
*vieillard, m.*

\* *Very*, adv. is used here adjectively, and signifies *same*.

and fools what they intend to do - - - - We  
*sot, m.* *se proposer, v.* *de*  
 learn much more easily the things which  
*facilement, adv.*  
 we understand than those which we do not. - - - If we  
*comprendre*  
 go together to my brother's, shall you be able  
*chez, p.*  
 to follow us ? - - - - I will follow you step by step. - - -  
*pas à pas, adv.*  
 Why do you follow me as you do ? - - You may set  
*comme*  
 out when (you please,) we will follow you. - - - - Hold  
*il vous plaira*  
 your tongue, you do not know what you say. - - - -  
 What books do you translate ? - - - My master says I  
 shall soon translate Marmontel's Works. - - - We should  
*Œuvre, f.*  
 have conquered them if we had fought ; and, believe  
*combattre, v.*  
 me, you (might have<sup>1</sup>) done<sup>4</sup> much<sup>2</sup> better<sup>3</sup>, if you had  
*auriez*  
 followed the advice which he gave you. - - - - They  
 have debated the question a long time without  
*se*  
 (being able to) resolve it. - - - - They were quite trans-  
*pouvoir*  
 ported with joy when they (heard of) the happy  
*de, p.* *apprendre, v.*  
 news of the peace. - - Every thing smiles in  
*nouvelle, f. sing* *dans, p.*  
 nature (at the) return of the spring. - - - - As long  
*au* *retour, m.* *printemps, m.* *Tant*  
 as her father and mother live, they never  
*que, adv.* (by the fut.)  
 will consent to her marriage with Mr. R. - - - - You  
 will not live long if you drink so much. - - - - She lived  
 about four years after her husband's death. - - -  
*environ, p.* *après, p.*  
 George III. the eldest son of Frederick, Prince of  
*aîné, adj.*

Wales, was born on the fourth of June, 1733, and  
*Galles,* *or*  
 was proclaimed king of Great Britain on the twenty-  
*proclamer, v.*  
 sixth of October, 1760. - - - - In whatever country a  
 man may live, he is sure to be respected and  
*de*  
 well treated every where, if his behaviour and  
 manners are regulated by the principles of a  
*mœurs, f. pl. régler, v.*  
 sound policy, and the laws of the country he  
*sain; adj. politique, f.*  
 lives in.  
*où.*

### OF IMPERSONAL VERBS.

Verbs which relate to no person or thing, and which, as has been before observed, are *only conjugated in the third person singular*, are called impersonal verbs: they generally are preceded by one of the following pronouns, *il* or *on*: of this number are,

<i>Il tonne,</i>	It thunders.
<i>Il pleut,</i>	It rains.
<i>On dit,</i>	People say, or it is said, &c.

To which may be added several other verbs, which become impersonal when employed in the same manner: ex.

<i>Il vous convient d'être mo-</i>	It becomes you to be mo-
<i>deste,</i>	dest.
<i>Il fait beau, froid, &amp;c.</i>	It is fine, cold, &c.
<i>Il fait grand vent,</i>	The wind blows high.
<i>Il semble,</i>	It seems.
<i>Il s'ensuit que,</i>	It follows that.
<i>Il vaut mieux,</i>	It is better, &c.

These verbs, like others, whether regular or irregular, have their different tenses, and are conjugated in the same manner as the personal verbs from which they are derived. The learner having gone through the other conjugations, the verbs of this class may the more easily be dispensed with. It will only be necessary to select one that is not derived, and shew the manner of the conjugating it,

only premising, that the compound tenses are formed, like others, by joining the participle passive to one of the tenses of the auxiliary verb *avoir*, to have.

## CONJUGATION OF THE IMPERSONAL VERBS.

### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Pleuvoir</i> , to rain.
Part. act.	<i>Pleuvant</i> , raining.
Part. pass.	<i>Plu</i> , rained.

### INDICATIVE MOOD.

#### Affirmatively.

Present. *Il pleut*, it rains, it does rain, it is raining.

#### Negatively.

*Il ne pleut pas*, it does not rain, &c.

#### Interrogatively.

	<i>Pleut-il ?</i>	does it rain ?
	<i>Ne pleut-il pas ?</i>	does it not rain ?
Imperfect.	<i>Il pleuvait</i> ,	it rained, it was raining.
Preterite.	<i>Il plut</i> ,	it rained, or did rain.
Future.	<i>Il pleuvra</i> ,	it shall, or will rain.
Conditional.	<i>Il pleuvrait</i> ,	it would, should, &c. rain.

### SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Qu'il pleuve</i> ,	that it may rain.
Imperfect.	<i>Qu'il plût</i> ,	that it might rain.

The following being of the first conjugation, I shall only give the third person, present tense, of the indicative mood : the learner may easily find out the rest.

<i>Il arrive</i> ,	it happens ; from	<i>arriver</i> , to happen.
<i>Il bruine</i> ,	it drizzles ;	<i>bruiner</i> , to drizzle.
<i>Il éclaire</i> ,	it lightens ;	<i>éclairer</i> , to lighten.
<i>Il gèle</i> ,	it freezes ;	<i>geler</i> , to freeze.
<i>Il grêle</i> ,	it hails ;	<i>grêler</i> , to hail.
<i>Il neige</i> ,	it snows ;	<i>neiger</i> , to snow.
<i>Il tonne</i> ,	it thunders ;	<i>tonner</i> , to thunder.
<i>Il importe</i> ,	it matters,	<i>importer</i> , to concern.
	it concerns,	

### EXERCISES UPON THESE VERBS.

Does it rain ? - - It rained just now, but  
*tout-à-l'heure*, adv.

it does not rain at present. - - - Was it not raining  
*maintenant*,adv.  
 when you came ? - - - I advise you not to go out  
*conseiller*,v. *de*  
 this morning ; I think it will soon rain. - - I am  
*bientôt*,adv.  
 sure it would rain, if the <sup>6</sup>wind <sup>2</sup>was <sup>1</sup>not<sup>3</sup> so<sup>4</sup> high<sup>5</sup>. - - -  
*s'il* *faire*,v. *grand*.  
 Do you know what happened to my cousin  
*savoir*,v.  
 whilst he was in town ? - - I foresaw what  
*pendant que*,c. *en* *prévoir*  
 would happen. - - - The roads were very slippery  
*chemin*,m. *glissant*,adj.  
 yesterday, because it drizzled the whole day. - - - Did  
 you observe how it lightened last  
*remarquer*,v. *comme*,adv.  
 night ? - - - If it did not freeze, I would go to see them  
*voir*,v.  
 to-day. - - - It hailed this afternoon, and it will  
*après midi*,m.  
 certainly snow to night. - - - It thundered much  
*cette nuit*. *beaucoup*,adv.  
 yesterday, and I think it will still thunder to-  
*croire*,v. *encore*,adv.  
 day. - - - It matters little whether you do your ex-  
*que* (subj.)  
 ercise now or later, provided it be well  
*pourvu que*,c.  
 done. - - - It greatly concerns children to  
*beaucoup*,adv. *aux* *de*  
 avoid idleness, because it is the parent of all vice,  
*éviter*,v. *mère*,f.  
 and destroyer of all virtues.  
*destructrice*,f.

The verb *Avoir*, to have, conjugated impersonally with  
*y*, adverb of place.

#### INFINITIVE MOOD.

*Y avoir*.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

Affirmatively

Present. *Il y a*, there is, there are.

## Negatively.

*Il n'y a pas*, there is not, there are not.

## Interrogatively.

*Y a-t-il ?* is there ? are there ?

*N'y a-t-il pas ?* is there not ? are there not ?

Imperfect. *Il y avoit*, there was, there were.

Preterite. *Il y eut*, there was, there were,

Future. *Il y aura*, there shall, or will be.

Conditional. *Il y auroit*, there should, would, &c. be.

## IMPERATIVE MOOD.

*Qu'il y ait*, let there be.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

Present. *Qu'il y ait*, that there may be.

Imperfect. *Qu'il y eût*, that there might be.

## COMPOUND TENSES.

*Il y a eu*, there has, or have been.

*Il y avoit eu*, there had been.

*Il y eut eu*, there had been.

*Il y aura eu*, there shall, or will have been.

*Il y auroit eu*, there should, &c. have been.

*Qu'il y ait eu*, that there may have been.

*Qu'il y eût eu*, that there might have been.

## EXERCISES UPON THIS VERB.

There are three ladies who (are waiting for) you  
*attendre*, v.

in your brother's study. - - - Is there any fire in the  
*cabinet*, m.

parlour ? - - No, Sir, there is none. - - - There were two  
*salle*, f.

men below who asked to speak to you. - - Was  
*en bas*, adv. *à*

there not formerly a (coffee house) at the  
*autrefois*, adv. *café*, m.

corner of this street ? - - - There were great re-  
*coin*, m. *rue*, f. *ré-*

joicings in France when peace was proclaimed. - -  
*joissance*, f. *proclamée*, p.p.

I was telling you that there will be a grand concert  
*dire*, v.



and afterwards a ball and supper in the course  
*ensuite,adv.* *courant,m.*  
 of this month. - - There would be no harm if you  
*mal,m.*  
 would learn\* your lesson better. - - My brother says  
*mieux,adv.*  
 that there has been a bloody engagement between  
*sanglant,adj.* *combat,m.*  
 an English frigate and a French one, and there  
*frégate,f.* *frégate*  
 have been many men killed on both sides. - - There  
*de part et d'autre.*  
 would have been a great riot yesterday in the  
*émeute,f.*  
 Strand, if the magistrates had not sent many constables,  
*connétables,m.*  
 who dispersed the mob.  
*populace,f.*

*There is*, immediately followed by the negation *no* and a participle active must be rendered by *on ne peut pas*, *on ne sauroit*, with the participle in the infinitive mood ; the other tenses, as *there was*, *there will be*, *there would be*, used as above, and made by the same tenses of the verb *pouvoir* only : ex.

On ne peut pas, or on ne sauroit sortir aujourd'hui à cause de la pluie,	<i>There is no going out</i> , to-day, because of the rain ; that is, one cannot, &c.
On ne pouvoit l'appaiser,	<i>There was no pacifying him.</i>
On ne pourra pas jouer demain ; mon père est très malade,	<i>There will be no acting to-morrow ; my father is very ill.</i>

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

There is (such a deal) of snow that there is no going  
*tant,adv.*  
 out of the house. - You speak so low and so quick  
*bas,adv.* *vîte,adv.*  
 that there is no hearing nor understanding what  
*entendre,v.* *comprendre,v.*

\*The conjugation *Si, if*, is used *only* before the present or imperfect of the indicative mood and their compounds ; and sometimes elegantly before the compound of the imperfect of the subj. mood.

you say. - - My brother runs so fast that there is  
*vîte,adv.*

no following him. - - There was no walking yesterday  
*hier,adv.*

in the streets of London, on account of the dirt. - - His  
*à cause,p. boue,f.*

arguments were so convincing that there was no re-  
*re-*

plying to him. - - There will be no skating in the  
*plâquer,v. patinér,v.*

park to-morrow, because it thaws. - - There will be  
*dégeler,v.*

no going to the play next month, be-  
*comédie,f. prochain,adj. parce-*

cause the play-house will be shut. - - - There would  
*que,c. théâtre,m.*

be no living with you, if you were always in the same  
*étiez,v. de*

humour. - - If a horse knew his strength, there  
*le connoître,v. force,f.*

would be no mastering him.  
*dompter,v.*

This verb *il y a*, when used to denote a quantity of time, is sometimes rendered in English by *it is, it was, &c.* when the English preposition *since* is rendered (in French) by *que* : but in all cases where the English phrase can be rendered negatively, *que* must be accompanied by the negation *ne* : ex.

*Il y a trois semaines que* *It is three weeks since*  
*votre père est arrivé,* *your father arrived.*

*Il y a long-tems que je ne* *It is a long while since I*  
*vous ai vu,* *saw you, or I have not*  
*seen you this long while.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

How long is it since we (saw one another ?) *It is a*  
*Combien,adv. se voir,v.refl.*

year since I met your brother in Italy, and  
*rencontrer,v. en*

it is six months since I heard of him. - - -  
*entendre parler,v.*

How long is it since you wrote to your mother ? - - -

It was but two months. - - - It is a week since I had  
*ne que* *semaine, f*  
 seen your brother, when I met him by chance in  
*par hasard, adv.*  
 a (coffee room.) - - - How long was it since your friend  
*café, m.*  
 had left France, when he wrote to you ? - - - It was  
*quitter, v.*  
 three months. - - It may be two years since Mr. Robert  
 set out for the Indies. - - - How long is it since you  
*partir, v.* *Indes.*  
 were in England ? - - - It is (such a) long while since I  
*si*  
 learned German, that I almost forget it.  
*Allemand, m.*

It often happens that the verb *there is*, or *it is*, &c. is understood : in this case, one of the words, *ago*, *these*, or *for these*, is expressed as a substitute : ex.

Il y a trois mois que j'étois en France, or j'étois en France il y a trois mois,\* I was in France three months ago.

Il y a quatre ans que mon frère est mort, My brother has been dead these four years.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

He is the same man whom we saw a quarter of an  
*C'est* *quart* *or*  
 hour ago. - - - When did you see my father ? - - - I saw  
 him (a fortnight) ago. - - We have not heard † from my  
*quinze jours*  
 brother these two years. - - - You do not seem to  
*paraître, v.*  
 be so lively as you were three years ago. - - - I would  
*enjoué, adj.*

\* From this instance it may be observed, that, if the verb *il y a*, &c. begin the sentence, the word *que* must immediately follow the noun of number ; but, if it be transposed, *que* must be omitted. The first construction is to be preferred. The learner must at the same time observe, that in the above sentence, the verb, which, in English, is in the compound of the present, is rendered in French by the present of the indicative, and when in the compound of the imperfect, by the imperfect of the same mood.

† See page 197.

have written to you a month ago, if I had known  
*savoir, v.*  
your direction. --- I have not seen your sister these  
*adresse, f.*  
four months. --- My father has been ill these  
*malade, adj.*  
six weeks. --- He has been in London these five years,  
*à*  
and (it is said) he there enjoys a considerable fortune.  
*l'on dit, v.*  
--- We have neither seen you nor your sister these  
three days.

It also happens, that neither the verbs, nor any of the words, *ago*, *these*, or *for these*, are expressed in the sentence : ex.

*Il y a neuf ans que ma tante demeure dans ce voisinage,*      My aunt has lived nine years in this neighbourhood.

*Il n'y a pas plus d'une heure  
que nous pêchons ici,*      We have not been above  
an hour fishing here.

*Il y voit deux ans que ma*      *My sister had been two*  
*sœur étoit en France*      *years in France when I*  
*quand j'y allai,*      *went there.*

*N'y avoit-il pas six mois  
qu'elle demeurait avec  
nous quand elle mourut ?*

*Il y aura six ans à Noël*      Your brother will have been  
*que votre frère est chez*      at Mr. O.'s six years at  
*Mons O.*      Christmas.

*N'y aura-t-il pas un an au mois d'Août prochain que votre sœur est à Paris ?* Will not your sister have been a year at Paris next August ?

EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

Some people\* have no pity on their poor  
*gens,pl.* *de*  
 fellow creatures. - - - Some people\* fancy  
*semblable,* *personne,f.* *s'imaginer,v.*  
 that they can learn a language without  
*pouvoir,v.*

\* The sentences are the same as *there are some people who, &c.*  
*Il y a des gens qui, &c.*

studying. - - - My brother has been four years at  
*étudier*, v.

Mr. W.'s academy,\* and my father told him that he  
should stay there two years more. - - I had been three  
*rester*, v.

years in England when that happened. - - I had not  
*arriver*, v.

been three months in France, when my brother returned  
from America to London. - - - Mr. N. had only

*ne que*  
learned French seven months when he wrote me  
a letter in that language. - - - Had not Mr. David  
*langue*, f.

been four years and a half in Spain when his sister

was married? - - - My *or* father and mother had not been  
(gone out) above a quarter of an hour when  
*sortir*, v. *plus de*, adv. *or*

he arrived. - - - We had been playing at cards  
*aux carte*, f.

for two hours when you came in. - - - Thomas will have  
*entrer*, v.

been at the college two years the tenth of next  
*collège*, m.

month.

The verb *être*, to be, becomes impersonal when followed by a substantive, or one of the pronouns *personal*, *possessive*, or *demonstrative*, and is always conjugated with the pronoun demonstrative *ce*, whether speaking of persons or things : ex.

*C'est la loi qui l'ordonne,* It is *the law* that pre-  
scribes it.

*C'est moi qui l'ai fait,* It is *I* who have done it.

*C'est mon bienfaiteur,* It is *my benefactor*.

*C'est eux, or, ce sont eux,* It is *they* who have related  
*qui me l'ont rapporté,* it to me.

From the last instance, it appears that *il is*, &c. followed by a pronoun of the third person plural, may be

\* All the sentences in this exercise, should begin with the impersonal verb, *Il y a, il y avait*, &c.

rendered in French two ways ; but, when *is it*, &c. is used in asking a question, it is generally put in the singular, though the pronoun be in the plural number : ex.

*Est-ce eux qui l'ont fait ?* Is it *they* who have done it ?

EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

It is prosperity which commonly<sup>2</sup> makes<sup>1</sup>  
*prospérité, f.* *rendre, v.*  
 men haughty and proud ; but it is adversity  
*fier, adj.* *orgueilleux, adj.*  
 that makes them wise. - - - It was the custom  
*rendre, v.* *coutume, f.*  
 among the Spartans to inure their  
*chez, p.* *Spartiate, m.* *de endurcir, v.*  
 children early to the fatigues of war.  
*de bonne heure, adv.* *travail, m.* *guerre, f.*  
 - - It is not I who occasioned the quarrel : it is  
*causer, v.* *querelle, f.*  
 you who began first. - - - It was envy  
*avez commencé le* *envie, f.*  
 which caused the first murder. - - - Is it not you who  
*causer, v.* *meurtre, m.*  
 wrote to Miss A. ? No, it is Miss Rose's sister  
*avez écrit, v.*  
 - - If you do not succeed, it will not be my fault.  
*réussir, v.* *faute, f.*  
 - If you happened to lose the friendship of your  
*venir à perdre, v.*  
 parents, it would be the greatest misfortune which  
*malheur, m.*  
 ever<sup>2</sup> might<sup>1</sup> happen to you. - - It is my friend  
*jamais, adv.* *pouvoir, v.* *arriver, v.*  
 who told me that it was your father whom we saw  
*dire, v.*  
 yesterday. - - - Speak to my brothers, for it is they  
*car, c.*  
 who told me. - - - Why do you not accuse  
*Pourquoi, adv.*  
 my sisters ? - - It is they who have done all the  
 mischief - - - You blame my aunts, but is it they  
*mal, m.* *blâmer, v.* *tante, f.*  
 who have offended you ?  
*offenser, v.*

*He, she, they*, immediately followed by *who, whom, or that*, and *such as*, whether separated in English or not, but implying *people* in general, are often made into French by the impersonal *c'est*, with an infinitive followed by *que de* before a second infinitive, and if the sentence be negative, *c'est ne pas* must be used : observe well these examples,  
*C'est être fou que de* *He is a fool who loses his*  
*perdre le tems à ces* *time in those trifles.*  
*bagatelles,*

*C'est ne pas goûter les* *Such as love nobody, do*  
*plaisirs de l'amitié que* *not enjoy the pleasures of*  
*de n'aimer personne,* *friendship.*  
*C'est trop présumer de soi-* *They are too conceited who*  
*même que d'agir ainsi,* *act so.*

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

*He is a blind* *man who does not*  
*aveugle, adj.* *perceive all the dangers which surround* *us*  
*environner, v.*  
*in this deceitful* *world. - - - Such as are satis-*  
*trompeur, adj.* *con-*  
*fied with their lot* *are happy. - - He*  
*lent, adj. de son, pro. sort, m.*  
*does not know* *the court, who relies*  
*connoître, v. cour, f. se fier, v.*  
*(on the) promises which (are made) there. - - - They*  
*aux on fait, v.*  
*are strangers to the charms of society who shun*  
*société, f. fuir, v.*  
*company. - - They are idle* *who do not know the*  
 *paresseux, adj. connoître*  
*value of time. - - They obey the commands of God*  
*temps, m. aux*  
*who love their neighbours,* *and do not reproach*  
*son prochain, sing.*  
*them with their small defects. - - - He is not a Chris-*  
*lui ses*  
*tian who seeks to hurt his neighbour, and speaks*  
*à voisin, m.*  
*ill of him on* *all occasions. - - - They do not under-*  
*dans, f.*  
*stand their own* *interest who neglect study.*  
*propre, adj.*

The verb *être*, to be, becomes also impersonal every time it is followed by a noun adjective used in a vague indeterminate sense, and relates to no particular object ; in which case the verb is generally preceded by the pronoun *il* ; and when used to denote the state of the weather, it is rendered by the third person singular of the verb *faire*, to make or do : ex.

*Il est extraordinaire*, &c. It is extraordinary, &c.

*Il fait beau tems*, It is fine weather.

*Ne faisoit-il pas chaud ?* Was it not hot ?

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

It is surprising to see you so lazy and in-  
*étonnant*,adj. *de*

attentive after having been punished severe-  
*après*,p. *avoir* *sévère-*

ly for these faults. - - - It is always dangerous  
*ment*,adv.

to (keep company with) people without any prin-  
*de fréquenter*,v. *personne* *aucun* *prin-*

ciple of religion. - - - Does it rain ? No, Sir ;  
*cipe*,m. *Monsieur*,m.

it is fine weather. - - Was it not very cold ? - - - It will  
*froid*,m.

neither be cold nor hot. - - - It has (been a) high  
*m*,c. *ni*,c. *faire*,v. *grand*,adj.

wind, and I think it will soon freeze. - - - It is not so  
*penser*,v.

cold as it was (at the) beginning of this month. - -  
*au* *commencement*,m.

Do you think (that) it is hotter in Italy than here ?  
*pres*,subj.

The learner must observe, that the following verb is *absolutely impersonal* throughout all its tenses, and that nothing is more disagreeable than to hear young people say, *Je faux, vous faut, on faut*, &c. : to prevent which, as much as possible, some examples are here set down.

#### INFINITIVE MOOD.

Present. *Falloir*, to be needful, requisite, necessary.

Part. pass. *Fallu*, been needful, &c.

#### INDICATIVE MOOD.

##### Affirmatively Sing.

Present. *Il faut que je fasse*, I must do



<i>Il faut que tu fasses,</i>	thou must do.
<i>Il faut qu'il fasse,</i>	he must do.
<i>Il faut qu'elle fût,</i>	she must do.

## Plural.

<i>Il faut que nous fassions,</i>	we must do.
<i>Il faut que vous fassiez,</i>	you must do.
<i>Il faut qu'ils, or elles fassent,</i>	they must do.

## Negatively.

<i>Il ne faut pas que je fasse,</i>	I must not do.
<i>Il ne faut pas que vous fassiez,</i>	you must not do, &c.

## Interrogatively.

<i>Faut-il que je fasse ?</i>	must I do ?
<i>Faut-il que vous fassiez ?</i>	must you do ?
<i>Ne faut-il pas que je fasse ?</i>	must I not do ?
<i>Ne faut-il pas que vous fassiez ?</i>	must you not do ?

Imperfect. *Il falloit qu'il écrivît,* It was necessary, &c.  
for him to write.

Preterite. *Il fallut qu'il partît,* he was obliged to set  
out.

Future. *Il faudra qu'il vienne,* he must come, he shall  
be obliged to come.

Condit. *Il faudroit, que j'allasse,* I should go, or it  
would be necessary  
for me to go.

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.	<i>Qu'il faille,</i> that it may be necessary, &c.
Imperfect.	<i>Qu'il fallût,</i> that it might be necessary.

As to the compound tenses of this verb, they are formed by adding its participle passive to the third person singular of any of the simple tenses of the verb *avoir*, to have : ex. *Il a fallu, il avoit fallu,* &c.

From the foregoing instances, it is easy to see, that, when the verb *falloir* is used in the present or future tense of the indicative mood, the following verb must be rendered by the present of the subjunctive ; but when it is used in the imperfect, preterite, or conditional present of the indicative, the verb following must be rendered by the preterite of the subjunctive : ex.

<i>Il faut</i> , or <i>il faudra</i> que je fasse,	I must <i>do</i> , I shall be obliged to <i>do</i> , or, it will be neces- sary for me to <i>do</i> .
<i>Il falloit</i> , or, <i>il fallut</i> que je parlasse,	I was obliged, or, it was ne- cessary for me, to <i>speak</i> .
<i>Il faudroit</i> que je vendisse,	I should be obliged, or, it would be necessary for me, to <i>sell</i> .

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

If you go to Coxheath to-day,	you must
<i>aujourd'hui</i> , adv.	
(come back) to-morrow. - - - -	You may go to
<i>revenir</i> , v.	<i>pouvoir</i> , v.
London this morning, but remember	that you must
<i>souvenez-vous</i>	
be (back) at three o'clock. - - - - -	You must get
<i>de retour</i>	<i>se</i>
up to-morrow morning at four o'clock. - - - - -	
<i>lever</i> , v.	
Custom must not always prevail over reason. - - - - -	
<i>sur</i> , p.	
Shall I be obliged to carry them there? - - - - -	
<i>falloir</i> , v.	<i>mener</i> , v.
Must I not show you my work? - - - - -	You
<i>montrer</i> , v.	<i>ouvrage</i> , m.
must have been well (acquainted with) the places,	
<i>connoître</i> , v.	<i>endroit</i> , m.
to expose yourself in that manner. - - If he	
<i>pour</i> , c.	<i>de</i> , p.
wished to pay his debts, he would be obliged	
<i>vouloit</i> , v.	<i>dette</i> , f.
to sell all his property - - - - If your brothers had not	
<i>bien</i> , m.	
ceased to quarrel, it would have been ne-	
<i>cesser</i> , v.	<i>de quereller</i> , v.
cessary* for them to part. - - - - -	You must not
<i>se séparer</i> , v.	

\* After the words *better*, *necessary*, *needful*, *expedient*, *good*, *impossible*, &c. joined to the verb *to be*, conjugated impersonally, the preposition *for* is to be rendered by *que*, with the following verb in the subjunctive mood, either present or preterite, according to the tense of the preceding verb.

leave your country so soon : all your friends op-  
 quitter,v. pays,m. s'op-  
 pose it.  
 poser,v. y.

The same observation is to be made on the verb *valoir* mieux, to be better, used impersonally ; and the adjectives *bon, difficile, impossible, nécessaire, à propos*, &c. joined to the verb *être*, used in the third person singular only : ex.

*Il n'est pas bon que vous soyez seul,* It is not good for you to be alone.

*Il vaut mieux que vous ayez compagnie,* It is better for you to have company.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

It is difficult for you to improve, if you  
*faire des progrès,*  
 do not apply better to study. --- It was impossible  
*s'appliquer,v. étude,f.*  
 for you to have succeeded, unless you had taken  
*à moins que,c.ne. (by the sub.)*  
 more convenient measures. --- It would be expedient  
*convenable,adj. à propos*  
 for you to read this book from the beginning  
*depuis,p.*  
 to the end. --- Believe me, it is better  
*jusqu'à,p. fin,f. valoir mieux,v.*  
 for you to go there to-morrow, for it will snow  
*car,c.*  
 soon. --- Will it not be better for me to be at  
*bientôt,adv.*  
 school too soon than too late. --- Would it not  
*tôt,adv. tard,adv.*  
 be better for him to go and speak to them himself,  
*or*  
 than to send his servant ? --- It is good for us  
*de domestique,m.&f.*  
 to help one another in our troubles.  
*s'aider,v. peine.*

The above verb *falloir*, being used before the verb *to have*, followed immediately by a noun substantive, may be rendered without expressing the auxiliary verb ; instead of which, insert one of the following conjunctive pro-

nouns, *me, le, lui, nous, vous, or leur*, according to the number and person : ex.

*Il me faut des livres,* I must have, or, I want books.

*Il lui faut un chapeau,* He must have, or, he wants a hat.

*Il lui faut un bonnet,* She must have, or, she wants a cap.

N. B. If the verb *to have* be expressed in French, it must be rendered by the subjunctive mood :

*Il faut que j'aie des livres,* I must have, or, I want books.

This method, however, is not so elegant as the former.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I shall want paper, pens, and ink. --- What do  
*falloir, v.*

you want ? --- I want nothing (for the) present, but I  
*à*

think I shall soon want a French grammar. ---  
*penser, v.*

My brother has an old hat, and he will soon  
*vieux, adj.*

want a new one. --- If you like to  
*neuf, adj. en, pro. aimez, v. à*

speak much, you must have (a good deal) of  
*bien, adv.*

circumspection not to (speak ill) of others. ---  
*retenue, f. pour ne pas médire, v.*

Since I cannot find my book, I must have  
*Puisque, c.*

another. --- If we wish to succeed in our under-  
*vouloir, v.*

taking, we must have (a great deal) of patience. ---  
*beaucoup, adv.*

My brothers have lost their buckles, they must have  
*boucle, f.*

others.

Before the conclusion of this section, it will be proper to say something about the pronoun indefinite *on*, which commonly precedes a verb used impersonally (viz. in the third person singular) in French, and in English is generally made by a passive voice : ex.

*On m'a permis de chanter,* I have been allowed to sing.

People have allowed me,  
&c.

*On lui a défendu de sortir,* He has been forbidden to go out.

One has forbidden him, &c.

In this case, the verb which, in English, is in the passive voice, must, in French, be turned into the active, when the English nominative becomes the regimen of the verb in French, the sentence beginning with *on*, and translated as if the English were, *one* has allowed me to sing, *one* has forbidden him to go out.

In French, passive verbs are seldom used.

It is the same with,

*On dit,* It is said, or people say.

*On me dit,* I am told.

*On dit à votre frère,* Your brother is told.

*On disoit,* } It was said, or people said,  
*On dit,* } or were saying.

*On dira,* It will be said, or people will say.

*On dira à nos enfans,* Our children will be told, or one will tell, &c.

*On a dit,* It has been said, or people have said.

*On nous a dit,* We have been told, or one has told us.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.\*

In time of war, peace is always spoken of. ---

*En, p.*

Where is your brother? It is not known. ---  
*savoir, v.*

The death of the invincible Admiral Lord Nelson  
*mort, f.*

is daily lamented, and will be  
*tous les jours, adv. regretter, v.*

so a long time. --- I was told yesterday that  
*so*

\* It is very important always to bear in mind the preceding rules and examples.

your brother has been punished for his idleness ;  
had your father been told of it, he would have been

very angry with him. - - - People will be eager  
*contre, p.* *s'empresser, v.*

in buying your book, and it will be read with avidity.  
*de, p.*

- - Learned men are found in villages, as well as in  
towns. - - - It is reported on all sides that we shall  
*de* *côté, m.*

soon have peace, but the news has not yet been  
received, though it be ardently (wished for ;)  
*ardemment, adv.* *souhaiter, v.*

however, it is thought that the secret expedition  
will sail in a few days. - - - It will be be-  
*mettre, à la voile* *ou peu de*

lieved that you blame me. - - - It would not be supposed  
that you praise us. - - - I have been assured that he has  
threatened him.

## RECAPITULATORY EXERCISES ON THE IMPERSONAL VERBS.

(Review them carefully before you write.)

There is no going out to-day : it rains apace. - - -  
*à verse, adv*

Do not make so much noise : there is no hearing  
*s'entendre, v.*

one another. - - - Is it cold this morning ? Yes, Sir, it  
*ou* *ou*

is very cold ; however, I am told it is not so cold as  
*cependant*

it was yesterday. - - - The weather is very inconstant  
in this country : it was very hot yesterday : it is  
*pays, m.*

excessively cold to day : it did freeze this morning :  
*très, adv.*

it hailed at noon : it rained in the afternoon, and  
*midi,* *ou* *après-midi,*

now it drizzles. - - - It sometimes lightens when it  
*quelquefois, adv*

does not thunder, but (as often *toutes les fois, que, c.* as) it thun-

ders, it lightens. - - - If it be fine weather next week, I shall go to London; but if it be bad weather, I shall stay at home. - - - It is a pleasure to see  
*rester, v. au logis. de*

bees (coming out) of their hives when it is  
*abeille, f. sortir, v. ruche, f. faire, v.*  
a sunny day. - - - Had I known you were returned  
*brillant, adj. revenir, v.*

from the continent, I would have gone to see you  
*être, v. or*

long ago. - - - My father and mother were told you were in England ten years ago; but you neither saw nor wrote to them. - - - Every body agrees there  
*convenir, v.*

are fine women in Great-Britain, but there is not  
*dans Bretagne, f.*

such good wine as in France. - - - It greatly  
*si en beaucoup, adv.*

concerns children to avoid bad company. - -  
*aux de éviter, v.*

If there were any real virtue in the world, should we (meet with) so many false friends? - - - If he  
*trouver, v.*

behaved well, there would not be a man  
*se comporter, v. or*

(in the world) that I should esteem more. - - - No  
*au monde, estimer, v. subj.*

object is more pleasing to the eye than the sight of  
*plaire, v. vue, f.*

a man whom you have obliged, nor\* (is) any music  
*est-il*

so agreeable to the ear as the voice of a man  
*oreille, f.*

who owns you for his benefactor. - - - Such  
*reconnoître, v.*

as support the conduct of idle and obstinate  
*encourager, v.*

scholars, make themselves contemptible. - - They are not  
*méprisable, adj.*

\* *Il est* and *est-il* ? are often used elegantly in French, for *il y a*, and *y a-t-il* ?

acquainted with the human heart, who rely upon  
*faire fond, v.*  
the vain promises of men. - - - You have already been  
*déjà, adv.*  
told that (nobody in the world) has prepossessed me  
against you : how many times must I repeat it  
*contre, p. combien, adv. falloir, v.*  
to you ? - - - I was told yesterday that you were very  
ill, and I am truly glad to see you so well. - - - -  
*de bien portant.*  
There is no persuading you when you have a mind  
*envie*  
not to believe what you are told. - - - - More virtue is  
*de*  
requisite to support good fortune than bad - - -  
*pour, v.*  
Much art and nicety are requisite to  
*délicatesse*  
please every body. - - - - It matters little whether it be  
*à que ce*  
my servant or yours who carries the letter to the  
*porter, v.*  
post. - - - - You must honour your father and mother, if  
*poste, f.*  
you will live long and happy. - - - - It is more glo-  
*vouloir, v.*  
rious to conquer one's passions than to conquer  
*de vaincre, v. ses conquérir, v.*  
the whole world. - - - Sir, I want a pair of boots :  
*entier, adj.*  
you have some in your shop that will suit  
*boutique, f. convenir, v.*  
me. - - - - It is reported that the Russians have beaten  
*Russe, m.*  
the Turks : it is said so, but it is not yet known as a  
*Turc, m.*  
certain fact. - - - It is thought Sweden has declared war  
*fait, m. Suède, f.*  
against France. - - - It is true ; but it is much  
*à vrai, adj.*  
feared lest the Swedes should be  
*craindre, v. que, c. Suédois ne* (by the pres. subj.)  
beaten, though they fight most courageously.  
*se battre, v. très*



----- Have the letters been received which were  
 expected yesterday? No, but the mail is ar-  
*attendre, v.* *malle, f.*  
 rived, and they will be delivered this morning.  
*distribuer, v.*

## SECT. V.

### OF PARTICIPLES.

Participles are either active or passive. The *partici-  
 ple active*, in French, always ends in *ant*: ex. *parlant*,  
*punissant*, and in English in *ing*: ex. *speaking*, *punishing*,  
 &c. It is always in its own nature, indeclinable: ex.

*Je vois des hommes et des femmes venant à nous,* I see men and women  
*coming to us.*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The persons whom you saw with us are people  
*gens, pl.*  
 fearing God and loving virtue. --- She met your  
 father and sister (as she was) coming here. --- My  
*en* *ici, adv.*  
 mother was told (the day before yesterday) that  
*avant hier, adv.*  
 your sister, remembering the injuries she had  
*se ressouvenir, v. des*  
 received from your brother, refused to  
*refuser, p. p. de la part de, de*  
 see him, and we are all glad to hear it. ---  
*de apprendre, v.*

Your aunt, having given the necessary orders to your  
 cousins, (set out) immediately for London. --- Did  
*partir, v.*

you not see them coming to us? --- How many oxen,  
*boeuf, m.*  
 sheep, and horses I hear afar off lowing,  
*brebis, f. pl. en'endre, v. de loin, adv. mugir, v.*  
 bleating, and neighing! --- Do you not admire these  
*béler, v. hennir, v.*  
 lambs, skipping in your father-in-law's meadow?  
*agneau, m. bondir, v. prairie, f.*

N. B. In order to distinguish between active participles, and many adjectives which are spelt alike, but which must agree with the nominative, consider whether there is an action expressed, or whether the word implies merely an attribute of the noun, thus, in these two sentences,

<i>Je vois des agneaux, bondissant dans la plaine,</i>	I see lambs <i>skipping</i> in the plain.
<i>J'aime à voir les agneaux bondissans, errer, dans la plaine,</i>	I like to see <i>skipping</i> lambs, <i>wandering</i> in the plain.

The first conveys this idea, that the lambs are *now* skipping, whilst the second implies that an attribute of lambs is to skip.

When the participle active in English is preceded by another verb, an article, or a preposition, it must be rendered in French by the verb in the infinitive mood, and it is sometimes used as a substantive : ex.

<i>Faut-il que je parle sans lui parler ?</i>	Must I set out <i>without speaking</i> to him ?
<i>La pauvreté du corps est la richesse de l'âme;</i>	<i>The impoverishing</i> of the body is <i>the enriching</i> of the soul.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I assure you there is a great deal of pleasure in <sup>à,p.</sup> teaching diligent scholars. - - - - We are told there <sup>enseigner,v.</sup> will not be so much danger in travelling, as there <sup>à voyager,v.</sup> was before. - - - - Lewis the Great had especially the <sup>surtout,adv.</sup> superior and rare talent of knowing and choosing men of merit. - - - - He left the house without seeing his father, and even <sup>même,adv.</sup> without speaking to his mother. - - - - I should despise a man who is capable of <sup>ou mépriser,v.</sup> deceiving his friends. - - - - After having (waited for) her <sup>tromper,v.</sup> <sup>attendre,v.</sup>

a long while, she (sent me word) that she was not  
*enroyer dire, v.*  
 ready to (go out.) - - - She spends all her time in  
*prêt, adj. à passer, v. à*  
 reading or writing. - - - My mother takes an infinite  
 pleasure in admiring the situation of your house. - - The  
*à situation, f.*  
 grace of God will always keep us from sinning.  
*empêcher, v. pécher, v.*  
 - - I often admire the rising and setting of the sun. - -  
*lever, m. coucher, m. sol il, m.*  
 The defending of a bad cause is worse than  
*défense, f. mauvais, adj.*  
 the cause itself.  
*même.*

The participle passive is sometimes declinable, and sometimes indeclinable.

It is declinable,

First, when it is joined to the verb *être*, to be, forming a passive verb, and agrees with the nominative case of the verb in gender and number ; and when it is not attended with any auxiliary verb ; in this case, it becomes an adjective or at least performs the same office.

<i>Mon frère est aimé,</i>	My brother is loved.
<i>Ma sœur est aimée,</i>	My sister is loved.
<i>Mes cousins sont partis,</i>	My cousins are gone.
<i>Mes cousines sont parties,</i>	My cousins are gone.
<i>E<sup>lle</sup> paroît affligée,</i>	She appears afflicted.
<i>Elles paroissent affligées,</i>	They appear afflicted.

N. B. There is no exception to the above rule ; but it is very important to remember that in the compound tenses of the reflected verbs, the verb *être* is employed for the verb *avoir* ; all such cases will come under the next rule, as if the verb *être* were the verb *avoir*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

I have been told your brother-in-law is gone to  
*beau-frère, m.*  
 the continent. - - - I have not seen your mother  
*en, p. p.*  
 since she arrived from France ; does she appear  
*depuis que, c.*

satisfied with her journey ? - - - My brothers are gone to  
*de voyage,m.*

Dover, and intend *se proposer,v.* to pay *de rendre,v.* you a visit when

they are (come back.) - - - - The houses which are  
*(by the fut.) revenir,v.*

built in the winter are not so wholesome as those  
*sain,adj.*

which are begun (in the) spring, and finished (in the)  
*au au*

middle of summer. - - - The wicked *élé,m.* are always tor-  
*méchant,adj.pl.* *bour-*

mented, and the righteous are comforted by their  
*reler,v.* *juste,adj.* *consoler,v.*

own conscience. - - - - Virtuous people are esteemed  
*personne,f.*

and respected by those who are so. - - - - I assure you  
*de*

that Mr. Brown's wife appears much afflicted  
*femme,f.* *scrt,adv.*

at the death of her husband, but her sons appear  
*de mari,m.*

as much affected by it as she.  
*toucher,v.*

Secondly, with the verb *avoir*, the participle instead of agreeing with the nominative, must agree with *the direct object*, which is a noun, or (in this instance) a pronoun governed in the *accusative case* ; but that direct object must *precede* the participle, otherwise that participle does not agree with it : thus in this phrase, *j'ai vu ma sœur*, the participle does not change, because *ma sœur*, which is the direct object, does not precede, but in this phrase *c'est ma sœur que j'ai vue*, the participle agrees, because *que* relative pronoun, which represents *ma sœur* is placed before that participle.

In the compound tenses of the reflected verbs, where the auxiliary *être* is employed instead of *avoir*, if you suppose this last verb to exist where *être* is used, the above-mentioned rule must direct you. By the same reason that we say *il l'a tuée* (he has killed her) we say *elle s'est tuée*, which is the same as if we could say *elle a soi tuée*, she has herself killed, she killed herself.

<i>J'ai vu Madame Wright, et</i>	I saw Mrs. Wright, and
<i>l'ai entendue chanter,</i>	<i>heard her sing.</i>
<i>J'ai lu tous les livres que</i>	I have read all the books
<i>vous m'avez prêtés,</i>	<i>which you lent me.</i>
<i>Avez-vous vu les marchan-</i>	Did you see the goods
<i>dises que j'ai reçues,</i>	<i>which I have received.</i>
<i>Vous l'avez souvent priée</i>	You often desired her to
<i>de passer chez vous,</i>	<i>call at your house.</i>
<i>Elles se sont repenties de</i>	They have repented of
<i>leurs fautes,</i>	<i>their faults.</i>

## EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The resolution which she has taken of going into  
 the country surprises me very much : I have spoken  
*étonner, v.* *très fort, adv.*  
 to her myself, but I have not (been able to) learn  
*pouvoir, v.*  
 the reasons which have induced her to it. - - - Miss  
*engager, v.* *Mlle*  
 Farren was an excellent actress : I have seen her  
*actrice, f.*  
 play several times. - - - I am very sorry for the  
*fâché, adj.* *de*  
 trouble that affair has given to your aunt. - - - If you  
*peine, f.* *tante, f.*  
 can come with me, I will show you the lady  
*montrer, v.*  
 whom I have heard sing. - - - What stuff have  
*entendre, v.* *éttoffe, f.*  
 you chosen ? - - - The letter which you have written to  
*choisi, p. p.*  
 me in French was tolerably well ; I have shown  
*en* *passablement, adv.*  
 it to your aunt who is much pleased  
*très, adv.* *content, adj.*  
 (with it.) - - - I have not yet received the goods,  
*en pro.* *marchandise, f.*  
 which you sent me by the ship Good-  
*vaisseau, m.*  
 Will. - - - I ladies, have you returned him the letters  
*M sdamcs,* *rendre, v.*  
 which he had desired you to read ? - - - Where  
*prier, v.* *de* *Où, adv.*

did you buy those gloves? - - - - - I bought  
*acheter, v.*  
 them in France. - - - - - Alexander conquered Asia with  
*Asie*  
 the troops which his father Philip had disciplined.  
*troupe, f.*  
 - - - - - The faults which he had committed, greatly  
*beaucoup, adv.*  
 increased his prudence. - - - - - He has spent all the  
*augmenter, v.*  
 treasures which his father had amassed with so much  
*trésor, m.*  
 care and labour. - - - I shall never forget the good  
*oublier, v.*  
 services which you have done to my mother  
*service, m.* *rendre, v.*  
 - - - - - Of all the letters which my brother has received  
 to-day, there is not one (of them) for  
*aujourd'hui, adv.*  
 me. - - - - - The reasons, which you have given us, have  
 satisfied us. - - - What books have you lost? - - - The  
*satisfaire, v.*  
 fine actions your brothers have done in  
*bcau, adj.* *action, f.* *faire, v. en*  
 America deserve great praises, and (ought to) be  
*Amérique mériter, v.* *louange, f.* *devoir, v.*  
 transmitted to posterity. - - - - - The three country  
 houses, which your father is said to have bought,  
*maison,*  
 are extremely fine and well situated. - - - - - The  
*situé, p. p.*  
 soldiers, whom they obliged to (set out,) are  
*soldat, m.* *à*  
 (come back) already. - - - - - My sisters have  
*révenir, v.*  
 quarrelled the whole day, and are now reconciled.  
*se quereller, v.*

The participle passive is indeclinable when the participle is *not* preceded by a *direct object*, or pronoun governed in the accusative case.

This happens when the object follows, as in this phrase *J'ai vu ma sœur*, or when another verb governs

the pronoun, as in this phrase, *Il ne faut jamais s'écarter de la bonne route que l'on a commencé à suivre* : here *suivre* governs *que*, and not *commencé*.

<i>La maison que j'ai fait bâtir,</i>	The house I have built.
<i>C'est une belle chanson, je l'ai entendu chanter plusieurs fois,</i>	It is a fine song : I have heard it sung many a time.
<i>J'y suis allé avec elle et l'ai vu peindre,</i>	I went there with her, and saw her picture drawn.
<i>La langue que j'ai commencé d'apprendre est fort utile,</i>	The language I have begun to learn is very useful.

In the above instances, the pronouns are not governed by the participle passive, but by the verbs *chanter*, *peindre*, and *apprendre*.

#### EXERCISES UPON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULE.

I have given him a fable to translate. - - - I cannot  
à traduire, v.  
forget the good actions, which I have seen  
you do. - - - 'The goods which you ordered me to  
send, are arrived ; permit me to show you the letters  
de  
which he has seen me open from Germany. - - -  
Allemagne, f.  
Have you already read the books which I saw\* you  
buying ? - - - I have bought the clothes for  
habit, m. &  
which you saw me bargaining. - - - 'The history  
marchander, v.  
which I have begun to read is not entertaining. - -  
à amusant, adj.  
She has written more books than you ever - have  
jamais, adv.  
read. - - The lady whom I saw singing is hand-

\* Observe that the participle, though it should not agree with books, *livres*, it should agree with the pronoun *vous*, so that it should be spelt *vue*, if addressed to a female.

some and young, but the song which I have heard sung is the best, as to words and music, that

your brother ever wrote. - - Miss B. has spent <sup>quant</sup> two or three days with your sisters, and saw <sup>passer, v.</sup> their (picture drawn) ; their <sup>voir, v.</sup> cousins were in the next <sup>les</sup> <sup>peindre, v.</sup> room, and my sister saw them painting in miniature.

<sup>en, p.</sup>

It is often difficult to ascertain which is the *direct object* ; a simple method is, to add one of these pronouns *who* or *what* to the participle, and then the answer will point out that object : thus, for this sentence, *ma sœur s'est cassé l'épaule*, ask, my sister broke—what ?—*her shoulder* ; this then, is the object, but as *l'épaule* follows, the participle does not change.

Sometimes a preposition is understood, or expressed by the pronoun, as in this sentence *voilà la dame dont j'ai parlé* ; the pronoun *dont* is not the direct object, with which only the participle can agree ; it is the genitive : besides, the verb *parler*, in this instance is neuter, and therefore cannot govern a noun in the accusative case : ex.

Les Anglois se sont *ren-* The English *made them-*  
dus fameux dans cette *selves* famous in this war.  
guerre,

Telles sont ses objections ; Such are his objections ;  
*j'y ai pensé,* I have thought of them.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE REMARKS.

Daughter, I had warned you of it. - - You  
<sup>avertir, v.</sup>

would have rendered yourself celebrated by your talents  
<sup>rendre, refl. v.</sup>

and beauty, if you had not shown them so much vanity.  
<sup>montrer, v.</sup>

- - - He is the man (of whom) our neighbours have  
<sup>C'est</sup> <sup>dont</sup>

complained. - - It is your fault, Miss, I have already  
<sup>se plaindre, refl. v.</sup>

scolded you (about it.)  
<sup>gronder, v.</sup>



Lastly, when the auxiliary verb and the participle passive are used impersonally. *Du* (when not signifying owed,) *pu* and *voulu*, are also indeclinable : ex.

*Les pluies qu'il a fait,* The rains which we *have had*.

*Je vous ai montré la reconnaissance que j'ai dû,* I have shown you the gratitude I *ought*.

*Ma sœur a fait tout ce qu'elle a pu,* My sister has done every thing she *could*.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

The storm, which we had yesterday, has  
*tempête, f.*  
 done (a great deal) of damage to our  
*causer, v.* *beaucoup, adv.* *dommage*  
 ships --- The abundant showers which we have  
*pluie, f.*  
 had this week, have prevented me from going  
*empêcher, v.*  
 into the country. --- The high winds which  
*grand, adj.* *vent, m.*  
 they have had in the county of Kent, have (blown  
*comté, m.* *renverser,*  
 down) many houses and trees. --- At last he has  
*ser, v.* *Enfin, adv.*  
 returned me all the sums which I had lent to  
*rendre, v.* *somme, f.*  
 him, and which he had owed me so long. --- I  
*devoir, v.*  
 have not paid all the attention which I ought to  
*faire, v.*  
 the advice your father gave me. --- She has ob-  
*avis, m.* *ob-*  
 tained from the king all the favours she would.  
*tenir, v.* *grâce, f.*  
 --- My brother might have improved more,  
*faire des progrès*  
 but he has not made all the efforts he could.  
*effort, m.*

N. B. The rules on this subject, which have been regarded as being extremely intricate, and numerous, may be reduced to three, viz. 1st, The participle when

attended with an auxiliary, agrees with the nominative, like an adjective—2d, When attended with the verb *être*, the participle *constantly* agrees with the nominative.—Lastly, the participle, when attended with the verb *avoir* agrees with its *direct object*, only when that object precedes the participle ; and in the compound tenses of the reflected verbs, the auxiliary verb *être* must be regarded as filling the place of the verb *avoir*, and subjected to the same rules, that being an anomaly in the language.

EXAMPLE UPON THE FOREGOING RULES.

<p><i>J'ai reçu les lettres que vous m'avez écrites au sujet de l'affaire, que je vous avois proposée ; et après les avoir lues avec attention, j'ai reconnu, comme vous, que, si je l'avois entreprise, j'y aurois trouvé des obstacles que je n'avois pas prévus.</i></p>	<p><i>I have received the letters which you wrote to me with respect to the affair which I had proposed to you ; and after having read them with attention, I perceived, as you did, that, if I had undertaken it, I should have met with obstacles which I had not foreseen.</i></p>
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*Reçu* is indeclinable, because it is not preceded by any regimen ; *écrites* is declinable, and agrees in gender and number with its direct object, or accusative, expressed by the pronoun relative *que*, which precedes the verb and relates to *lettres* ; *proposée* likewise agrees with *que*, by which it is preceded, and which relates to the word *affaire* ; *lues* is declinable on account of its regimen *les*, which precedes it and relates to *lettres* ; *reconnu* is indeclinable, because it is not preceded by any regimen to which it can relate ; *entreprise*, on the contrary, is declinable, and takes the gender and number of the conjunctive pronoun *l'*, which is its direct object and its antecedent, relating to *affaire* ; *trouvé* is indeclinable, because it is not preceded but followed by its accusative *obstacles* ; *prévus*, on the contrary, is declinable, because it is preceded by its direct object *que*, which relates to *obstacles*.

*Clearness* is the principal quality of the *French language* ; therefore equivocations in the use of the participles should be carefully avoided : ex. *Je les ai rangés en ordre*, speak-

ing of papers, may signify, I have *set* them in order ; or, I have them, and they are in order : in such a case a different regular turn should be chosen, with which this language abounds.

## SECT. VI.

### INDECLINABLE PARTS OF SPEECH.

Under this head are comprehended *adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.*

#### OF ADVERBS.

*Adverbs* have been distinguished, according to their several significations, into *adverbs of place, time, quality, quantity, number, order, affirmation, negation, doubt, interrogation, comparison, collection, separation, &c.* But this classification, however ingenious, is far from being exact : it was therefore judged, that, if those of the most frequent use, and which, when compounded, form a particular idiom, were carefully selected, and arranged in an alphabetical series, it would be more to the advantage of the learner.

#### TABLE OF ADVERBS.\*

*Abondamment*, abundantly, plentifully.  
*à l'abandon*, at random, in confusion, in disorder.  
*D'abord*, at first, immediately.  
*Absolument*, absolutely.  
*D'accord*, granted, done.  
*Agréablement*, pleasantly, comfortably.  
*Ainsi*, (de même,) so, thus, in the same manner.  
*Aisément*, easily.  
*Mal aisément*, with difficulty.  
*Dans un an d'ici*, a year hence.  
*L'année qui vient*, the next year.  
*Anciennement*, } formerly, <sup>\*</sup>anciently.  
*Autrefois*, }  
*En ami*, friendly.  
*à l'amiable*, amicably.  
*En arrière, tomber en arrière*, to fall backward.  
*à reculons, marcher à reculons*, to walk backward.  
*Assez*, enough.

\* Simple adverbs are generally placed after the verbs, and in compounded tenses between the auxiliary and the participle passive.

*Assurément*, certainly.

*Aujourd'hui*, to-day.

Time to come. { *D'aujourd'hui en huit*, this day se'nnight.  
                   { *D'aujourd'hui en quinze*, this day fortnight.

come. { *D'aujourd'hui en quinze*, this day fortnight.

Time { *Il y a aujourd'hui huit jours*, this day week, this day se'nnight.

Time } day se 2nnight.

past. } *Il y a aujourd'hui quinze jours, this day fortnight.*

*Il y a aujourd'hui un an, this day twelve months.*

*Autant*, as much, as many.

*D'autant plus*, so much the more.

*D'autant moins, so much the less.*

*Tout autant,* { just as, just as much, every whit.  
*Tout aussi,* }

*Tout aussi,*

*Dorénavant*, in future.

*à l'avenir*, for the future, hereafter.

*à l'Angloise*, after the English manner, fashion, or way.

*à l'Italienne*, after the Italian, &c.

*à la Françoise*, after the French, &c.

à la *Turque*, after the Turkish, &c.

**EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.**

Our garden produces all kinds of fruits *plenti-*  
*sorte,f.*

*sorte, f.*

*fully.* - - - Your sister left <sup>everything</sup> all her things in *dis-*  
*laisser, v.*

*laisser, v.*

order. - - - You did not know me at first. - - He would  
vouloir, v.

*vouloir*, v.

*absolutely* do it. - - - If you please, I will go to  
*vouloir, v.*

*vouloir*, v.

London with you. *Done.* - - - I hope we shall spend  
*passer, v.*

*passer*, v.

the day *pleasantly*. - - - - Have we not spent it so? - - - -

My brother learns his lessons *easily*, and I *with dif-*

My brother learns his lessons easily, and I think my  
 finally ----- *a year hence you will (be able to) speak*

De l'able l  
prouvoir u

meaning, - - - - - *in* year hence you will (be able to) speak  
*pourroir, v.*

French tolerably well. - - - My father says I shall go

French tolerancy went. --- My father says I shall go  
to France next year. --- It was done so qu-

to France next year. --- It was done so di-

I had the ho

\* See the article indefinite, page 54.

I believe it was at Mr. P.'s, who received us  
*friendly*. - - - Your brother and mine have settled  
 their affairs *amicably*. - - - Make two steps <sup>*réglcr, v.*</sup> *back-*  
*ward*. - - - He who walks *backwards* cannot see his  
 way. - - - Have you played *enough*? - - - Certainly  
 you must be tired. - - - We do not expect him  
<sup>*déroir, v.*</sup> *to-day*. - - - If it be fine weather, I shall be back  
<sup>*fatiguer, v.*</sup> *this day se'nnight*. - - - I shall see you <sup>*attendre, v.*</sup> *this day fortnight*,  
 if I am\* well. - - - *This day week* I was (at your house.)  
<sup>*faire, v.*</sup> *chez vous*.  
 - - - *This day month* I met your brother. - - - I came  
 here *this day twelve months*. - - - He has *as*  
<sup>*ici, adv.*</sup> *much* money and *as many* friends as you. - - - I was  
*so much the more* persuaded of what you told me,  
 that I dismissed him *this day three weeks*. - - -  
<sup>*renvoyer, v.*</sup> I will do it *so much the less*, as I promised him not  
<sup>*que*</sup> to meddle with that affair. - - - My sister has  
<sup>*de se mêler, v.*</sup> *just as much* wit, and is <sup>*de, p.*</sup> *just as amiable* as yours. - - -  
<sup>*que*</sup> Your son has given you some trouble, but I  
<sup>*peine, f.*</sup> *hope* he will give you pleasure <sup>*mais, c.*</sup> *hereafter*. - - - If you  
 forgive him this time, he will not do it *for the*  
*future*. - - - *In future*, I never will trust him  
<sup>*se fier, v.*</sup> any more. - - - She dresses *after the English*  
<sup>*s'habiller, v.*</sup>

\* See note, page 222.

*fashion*, but she lives *after the French way*. - - - She  
*vivre*, v.  
 plays *after the Italian manner*. - - - Your sister has a  
 cap *after the Turkish fashion*. - - - Come here,  
*bonnet*, m.  
 go there, look every where.  
*chercher*, v.

## ADVERBS.

*Bas* }  
*à, or en bas*, } off, down, down with, below.  
*En badinant*, for fun.  
*Beaucoup*, }  
*Bien*, } much, many, a great deal.  
*à beaucoup près*, nothing near, (with *ne* before and *pas* af-  
 ter the verb.)  
*De beaucoup*, by much, greatly.  
*Bien*, well, very.  
*De bon cœur*, heartily, with a good will.  
*De bonne foi*, }  
*Sincèrement*, } sincerely.  
*De bonne heure*, betimes.  
*De bon jeu*, fairly.  
*De bon matin*, early.  
*De bouche*, by word of mouth.  
*à la bonne heure*, in good time, luckily, well and good.  
*à bon droit*, deservedly.  
*à bon marché*, cheap.  
*à bride abatte*, full speed.  
*çà et là*, to and fro.  
*à cause de quoi*, on what account.  
*à cela près*, that excepted.  
*Cependant*, in the mean while, nevertheless.  
*à cheval*, on horseback.

## EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

Hats off, gentlemen, and sit down. - - - The<sup>2</sup> whole<sup>1</sup>  
 army<sup>3</sup> surrendered and laid down their arms  
*se rendre*, v. *mettre*, v.  
 upon the ramparts of the citadel. - - - There is a man  
 below, whom you will see with pleasure. - - - Though\*  
*Quoique*, c

\* See conjunctions that govern the subjunctive.

we said it *for fun*, he was very angry with us. --- *contre, p.*

There were many ladies, and we had a *great deal* of pleasure. --- You may say what you please, *pouvoir, v.*

but she is *nothing near* so handsome as her sister. --- He has *by much* increased his fortune. ---

Whatever you do, do it well. --- If you do not do it *with a good will*, I will do it myself. --- He has acted *very sincerely* in that business. --- Do you speak *sincerely* ?

--- We will get up *betimes*. --- Have I not won *se lever, v.*

*fairly* ? --- We will (set out) *early*, that we may arrive *gagner, v.*

before the heat of the day. --- It *afin que* (is *avant* *chaleur, f.* *valoir*

better to) tell it him *by word of mouth*, than to *mieux, v.*

write to him. --- Sir, I have done my exercise. --- *Well* *thème, m.*

*and good*. --- He has obtained it *deservedly*. --- My *obtenir, v.*

father has bought a horse *very cheap*. --- Do you see those two horsemen, who come to us *full speed* ? ---

*cavalier, m.*

They wandered *to and fro* without\* knowing whither *aller, v.*

to go. --- *On what account* is he angry with me ? --- *That excepted*, I have nothing to reproach him

with. --- I should speak, but *in the meanwhile*, I *à reprocher, v.*

*deroir, v.* (hold my tongue.) --- Miss White is very handsome, *se taire, v.*

*nevertheless*, I do not love her. --- Some went *Les uns*

to London in a coach, others on horseback. *en, p.* *à*

\* Without, *sans*, requires the present infinitive.

## ADVERBS.

*Combien*, how much, how many, how ?

<i>Combien y a-t-il que,</i>	} how long ?
<i>Combien de temps y a-t-il que,</i>	
<i>Combien y avoit-il que,</i>	
<i>Depuis quand,</i>	
<i>Combien de temps,</i>	
<i>Pendant combien de temps,</i>	

N. B. 1. *How much, how many, how*, are rendered in French by *que* before an admiration : ex.

*Que vous êtes jolie !*      How pretty you are !

2. We make use of *combien y a-t-il que*, when the action mentioned in the interrogation has not yet ceased : and then the verb, which (in English) is in the compound of the present, must be rendered (in French) by the present of the indicative mood : ex.

*Combien y a-t-il que vous êtes, or, depuis quand êtes-vous à Londres ?*      How long have you been in London ?

3. If the verb (in English) be in the compound of the imperfect, it is to be rendered (in French) by the imperfect of the indicative : ex.

*Combien y avoit-il que vous étiez, or, depuis quand étiez-vous à Londres quand il mourut ?*      How long had you been in London, when he died ?

4. If the action have entirely ceased, we make use of *pendant combien de temps*, with the following verb in the compound of the present : ex.

*Pendant combien de temps avez-vous été à Londres ?*      How long were you in London ?

5. *How long*, in the sense of *for what time*, is also rendered by *pendant combien de temps*, with the verb in the same tense as in the English : ex.

*Pendant combien de temps vous proposez-vous de rester en Italie ?*      How long do you intend to stay in Italy ?



## EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

*How much* do you owe him ? - - - You see to *how*  
*many* dangers and *how many* reproaches we are  
 liable. - - - *How many* times shall I be obliged to  
*exposé*, p.p. *de*  
 bid you to (be silent ?) - - - - *How* troublesome  
*dire*, v. *de se taire*, v. *importun*, adj.  
 you are ! *How* sorry I am for\* having displeased  
*de*  
 you ! - - - *How* much I should be obliged to you, if  
 you would grant me that favour ! - - - *How long*  
*accorder*, v.  
 have you been learning French ? - - - *How long* have  
 they been in Paris ? - - - *How long* had you been in  
*à*  
 London when you married ? - - *How long* had you been  
*se marier*, v.  
 learning Italian, when you wrote to me ? - - *How long*  
*Italien*  
 have your parents been in England ? - - *How long*  
*père et mère*  
 had your brother been in Germany, when we left  
*quitter*, v.  
 it ? *How long* were you in Holland ? - - - *How long*  
*en*  
 did your cousin learn the mathematics ? - - *How long*  
 have that gentleman and lady (been waiting for)  
*attendre*, v.  
 me ? - - - *How long* has your relation been dead ? - -  
*How long* had he been in his regiment, when he  
 died ? - - - *How long* was he ill ? - - - *How long* does your  
*malade* ?  
 uncle intend to leave his son on the continent ? - -  
*se proposer de*  
*How long* had your father and mother proposed

\* The prepositions *de pour* and *à*, always govern the present infinitive and its compound.

to stay in America? --- Why (are you proud) of  
 de en s'enorgueillir, v.  
 your beauty? You do not know how long it will last.

### ADVERBS.

*Combien y a-t-il d'ici?* How far is it hence?

*Dans combien de temps?* How long will it be before?

*Comme*, as, like, how.

*Comme il faut*, soundly, as it should be.

*Comment*, how.

*à contre-cœur*, against our will.

*à contre-sens*, the contrary, or wrong way, in a wrong  
 sense.

*à contre-temps*, unseasonably.

*à corps perdu*, hand over head, desperately.

*de côté,*  
*à l'écart,* } aside.  
*à part,*

*à côté*, by the side of it.

*à côté l'un de l'autre*, abreast.

*De ce côté-ci*, on this side.

*De ce côté-là*, on that side.

*De côté et d'autre*, up and down, about.

*De tous côtés*, on all sides, on every side.

*Coup sur coup*, one after another.

### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

*How far is it hence to Dover? --- How long will it be  
 Douvres?*

*before you 'send me 'back the books I lent you?*  
*renvoyer, v.*

*They are punished as they deserve. --- My father's  
 le*

*house is like yours, it is very badly built. ---  
 mal, adv.*

*See how it rains. --- Have they not been beaten  
 soundly? --- This exercise is done as it should be.*

*--- How can you speak thus? --- We went to the play  
 against our will. --- You hold your book the wrong  
 way. --- Your brother took in a wrong sense all*

that I said to him. --- Our master arrived very  
*ce que*

unseasonably. --- The French rushed on the  
*fondre, v.*

Austrians *desperately*. --- Lay this *aside*. --- Put  
*Autrichien m.*

that *by the side of it*. --- I perceive two ships sailing  
*apercevoir, v.*

*abreast*. --- Let us walk *on this side*, and our companions  
will go *on that side*. --- They run *up and down* all day,  
and do (nothing but) play. --- How dare you run *about*  
*ne que*

while your mother (is waiting for) you? ---  
*pendant que, c.*

The enemies were victorious *on all sides*. --- We  
hear *on every side*, that peace will very  
*apprendre, v.* *bien*

soon take place. --- They drank three bottles of Bur  
*avoir lieu, v.*

gundy wine, *one after another*.

#### ADVERBS.

*Davantage*, more.

*Dedans*, { within, inwardly.  
*En dedans*, {

*Dehors*, { without.  
*En dehors*, {

*Déjà*, already.

*Demain*, to-morrow.

*Le lendemain*, the day after.

*Après de main*, the day after to-morrow

*Dernièrement*, lately.

*Ci-dessus*, above.

*Par dessus*, above, over and above.

*Dessous*, { underneath.  
*Au dessous*, {

*à découvert*, openly.

*à demi*, { half, by halves.  
*à moitié*, {

*à dessein*, on purpose, designedly.

*à droite*, to the right.

*à double entente*, with a double meaning

*Encore*, again, yet, as yet.

*Enfin*, at last.

*Ensuite*, afterward, then.

*Entièrement*, entirely.

*Exprès*, on purpose.

*à l'écart*, out of the way.

*à l'entour*, round about.

*à l'envers*, the wrong side outwards.

*à l'envi*, in emulation.

*Aux environs*, thereabouts.

*En nulle manière*, in no wise, (with *ne* before the verb.)

*En plein jour*, } at noon, at mid-day.

*En plein midi*, }

*En temps et lieu*, in a proper time and place.

*En tous cas*, whatever may happen.

*En un clin d'œil*, in the twinkling of an eye.

*En sursaut*, suddenly.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

I know how that happened : talk *no more* of it. - - -

Look *within*, and you shall see it. - - - She was *within*,

and I was *without*. - - - Have you *already* done your ex-

ercise ? - - - I will call upon you *to-morrow*, and  
*passer, v. chez, p.*

*the day after* we will go and see my uncle. - - - We

will pay you *the day after to-morrow*, if we can. - - -

I was *late*ly (at your house). - - - You will find it *above*.  
*chez vous.*

- - - I like your garden and walks *above all*.  
*aimer, v.*

- - - There is a stone : look *underneath*, you will find  
something curious. - - - Speak, and show yourself  
*singulier.*

*openly*. - - - We were *half* dead. - - - I never do

things *by halves*. - - - They killed him *on purpose*. - - -

They did say so *designedly*. - - - Go *to the right*. - - -

My brother always speaks *with a double meaning*. - - -

I have told the truth, and they do not *yet* believe me.

- - - *At last*, the rebels retired into the woods with  
   *se retirer, v. dans, p. bois, m.*  
 a great loss. - - - Do first what you have to do,  
   *perte, f. Faire, v.*  
*afterward* you shall go out. - - - He did it *entirely*  
 to please you. - - - I came *on purpose* to see you  
*pour, p.*  
 - - - Take all these papers, and put them *out of the*  
*way*. - - - How can you find the place, if you always  
 turn round about ? - - - You have (put on) your  
   *mettre, v.*  
 waistcoat *the wrong side outwards*. - - - My brother  
*reste, f.*  
 and your's work in *emulation* of one another. - - -  
 He lives in London, or *thereabouts*. - - - I will do it in  
   *à*  
*no wise*. - - - I was stopped *at noon*. - - - We will tell him  
   *lui*  
 what we think in *a proper time and place*. - - - *What-*  
*ever may happen*, I (do not care) for it. - - - He did  
   *se soucier, v.*  
 it in the *twinkling of an eye*. - - - This morning I  
 awoke *suddenly*, but I soon fell asleep again.  
*s'éveiller, v.*

## ADVERBS.

*Facilement*, easily.  
*Fidèlement*, faithfully.  
*à la file*, } in a file.  
*De file*, }  
*à la fois*, together.  
*Combien de fois* ? how many times ?  
*Une fois*, once.  
*Deux fois*, twice.  
*Trois fois*, thrice, three times.  
*Tant de fois*, so many times.  
*Par fois*, now and then.  
*Fortement*, strongly.  
*Fort*, very.  
*Fort et ferme*, stoutly.

*à fond*, thoroughly.

*De fond en comble*, from top to bottom, to all intents and purposes.

*De front*, abreast.

*Galamment*, genteelly, politely.

*Goutte à goutte*, by drops.

*Guère ou guères*, (with *ne* before the verb,) little, but little.

*à la hâte*, in haste.

*En haut*, } up there, up stairs, above stairs.  
*Là haut*, }

*D'heure, en heure*, hourly, every hour.

*Hier*, yesterday.

*Hier-au soir*, last night.

*Avant-hier*, the day before yesterday.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

Your brother learns *easily*, but he forgets *almost*  
*oublier, v.*

as *easily* as he learns. - - - In the last battle our troops fought (with the) French, all the soldiers and *livrer, v. aux*

officers did their duty *faithfully*; the enemy sur-  
*pl.*

rendered at discretion, and were obliged to (march  
*à de sor-*  
 out) of the country *in a file*. - - - Let every one speak  
*tir, v.*

in his turn, for if you speak all *together*, how can  
*à*

I hear what you say? - - *How many times* did I tell  
*entendre, v.*

you to write to your parents? - - - I spoke to him *only*  
*de père et mère?*

*once*, but I saw him *twice*. - - - My father generally goes to Germany *thrice* a year. - - - I told it you *three*  
*Allcmagne*

*times*. - - - I saw him *so many times*. - - - Do you go  
*often* to London? I go (there) *now and then*. - - - The  
*souvent, adv.*

king *strongly* opposed *y* the enemy in the action  
*s'opposer à mêlée, f.*

- - - Your little sister is *very* pretty. - - - In all that (which) they undertake they always act

*stoutly*. - - - My brother knows French *agir, v.*  
*thoroughly.*

*savoir le François*  
They demolished the house *from top to bottom*. - - -

I travelled in a post-chaise drawn by three horses *abreast*. - - - Always behave *genteelly*. - - - Your brothers came to see us, and we received them *politely*. - -

*Le*  
The wine runs from the hog'shead *by drops*. - - Give *couler, v.*  
*muid, m.*

him *but little* wine. - - - 'Never' do<sup>2</sup> things in *Ne jamais, adv.*

*haste*. - - - Is Mr. D. *above stairs*? - - - Go *up stairs*, you will find what you (look for) in the drawer *chercher, v.*

behind the door. - - After having (waited for) him *derrière, p.*  
*attendre, v.*

*hourly*, he arrived at last. - - We see the army increasing *every hour*. - - I went *yesterday* to London. *grossir, v.*

- - It rained very much *last night*, and it has frozen very hard this morning. - - - *The day before yesterday* *très fort*

I met your brother, who was riding on horse-  
*se promener, v.*  
back.

## ADVERBS.

*Ici*, here.

*Ici autour*, hereabouts.

*Ici près*, hard by.

*D'ici*, hence.

*D'ici en quinze jours*, within a fortnight.

*Par ici*, this way.

*C'ici*, this way.

*Par ici par là*, here and there

*à l'instant*, immediately, instantly

*Jamais*, ever.

*Ne jamais*, never.

*à jamais*, forever.

*Justement*, just, precisely.

*Jusqu'à quand* ? how long ?

*Jusqu'ici*, hitherto, as far as this.

*Jusque-là*, so far, so far as that.

*Jusqu'où* ? how far ?

*De jour*, in the day time.

*De jour à autre*,  
*De jour en jour*, } from day to day, daily.

*De deux en deux jours*,  
*De deux jours l'un*, } every other day.  
*Tous les deux jours*,

*Dans quinze jours*, in a fortnight.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

Did I not tell you to stay *here* ? - - - How  
*de*

many miles is it *hence* to Hampton-Court ? - - -  
 (There must) be (a great deal) of game *here* -

*Il doit*, v. imp. *gibier*, m.  
*abouts*. - - - How long has he lived *hard by* ? - - How  
*demeurer*, v.

far is it *hence* to Canterbury ? - - - I will (call upon) your  
*Cantorbêry* *passer chez*

brother *within a fortnight*. - - - Come *this way*. - - Your  
 books are scattered *here and there*. - - Come back  
*épars*, adj.

*immediately*. - - - They *instantly* invited him to dine  
*à*

with them. - - I do not believe that he *ever* will follow  
 (by the subj.)

your advice. - - My father *never* will see him again.  
*conseil*, m.

- - Great men will *forever* be celebrated in history.

- - (This is) *just* what I say. - - - How long, O  
*Voilà*, adv.

Catiline, will you abuse our patience ?  
*Catilina* *abuser*, v. de

*Hitherto* the enemy has done nothing considerable.  
*de*

- - Learn this piece of poetry as far as that. - -  
*poésie*



*How far* will you go? - - You always come to see me  
 by night, why do you not come in the day time? - -  
*de*  
 We expect from day to day to receive news from  
*de*  
 the Continent - - We are daily exposed to great  
*m.*  
 dangers. - - My master comes here every other day.  
 - - I shall go to France and Italy in a fortnight.

## ADVERBS.

*Là*, there, thither.

*Là autour*, thereabouts.

*Là bas*, yonder.

*De là*, }  
*En de là*, } thence.

*Par là*, that way.

*Loin*, far.

*De loin*, afar off, at a distance

*Long-temps*, a long while, long time

*Lors*, then, at the time.

*Alors*, }  
*Pour lors*, } then.

*Dès-lors*, from that time.

*Mal*, ill, wrong.

*Maintenant*, now.

*Médiocrement*, indifferently.

*Même*, even, yet.

*De même*, so, in the same manner.

*Mieux*, better.

*De mieux en mieux*, better and better.

*Moins*, less.

*Moins—moins*, the less—the less.

*à moins*, for less, at less.

*Au moins*, *du moins*, }  
*Tout au moins*, } at least, at the least.

*En moins de rien*, in a trice.

*Naïvement*, plainly, ingenuously.

*Naturellement*, naturally, by nature.

*Au naturel*, to the life.

*Ne, ni, ni*, neither—nor.

*Non pas, ne pas, ne point, non, no, not.\**

*De nuit, by night, in the night-time.*

*Obligemment, kindly, obligingly.*

*Où, where.*

### OBSERVATION ON THE ADVERB *Où*.

The adverb of place, *Où*, where, is most commonly and more elegantly turned into French by *que* after the two other adverbs *ici*, here, *là*, there, to prevent the hiatus caused by the meeting of the two vowels ; and sometimes after nouns expressing the place where something has happened, been done or committed, especially when the sentence begins with the verb *être*, to be, used impersonally ; as, *it is, it was, it will be*, &c. : ex.

*C'est ici que nous l'attendons,* It is here (where) we are waiting for him.

*Ce fut là que je le vis pour la première fois,* It was there (where) I saw him for the first time.

*Ce fut en plein sénat où César fut inhumainement assassiné,* It was in full senate (where, or in which) Cæsar was inhumanly murdered.

### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

It was *there* or *thereabouts* that I met him. - - Do  
*Ce*

you see that tree *yonder* ? - - *Thence* I went to France,  
and soon after to Germany. - - If you go *that way*  
*après, p.*

you may call at Mr. H's. - - We are yet *far* from  
*pouvoir, v. passer chez*

our house. - - I see many ships *afar off*. - - I saw him  
yesterday, but it was *at a distance*. - - You made me  
wait *a long while*. - - The fight lasted *a long*  
*combat, m.*

*time*. - - He was ill *at the time* of my arrival. - - *Then,*

\* *Pas*, with the negation *ne* before it, merely expresses a negative, without affirming it, whereas *point* denies and affirms at once. *Pas* often denies but partly, or with some modification : *point*, on the contrary, always denies absolutely, totally, and without any reserve.

I believe you. - - *From that time* I began to  
*commencer, v.*  
 speak to him. - - Does your son behave ill *now*? - -  
 When I do wrong, I repent *very soon*. - - They are  
*tort* *bientôt, adv.*  
*now* in England. - - The tree that I planted, grows  
*indifferently*. - - Virtue is amiable *even* in an enemy.  
 You blame him, and nevertheless you act *in the*  
*agir, v.*  
*same manner*. - - You work *better* than your sister. - -  
 She reads French *better and better*. - - My cousin  
*le*  
 has *less* money than merit. - - *The less* you work,  
*(by the fut.)*  
*the less* you will improve. - - He will not do  
*faire des progrès.*  
*it for less*. - - There are now in America 30,000 men  
*at the least*. - - If you cannot come, *at least* write  
 to us. - - He replied *plainly* to all my questions, and  
 I am much pleased with him. - - What he does, he  
*bien satisfait, de, p.*  
 does it *naturally*. - - Miss Nichol's picture, is  
*portrait, m.*  
*drawn to the life*. - - I will *neither* see him *nor*  
*fail, p. p.*  
 speak to him. - - My mother and sisters (were to) go  
*devoir, v.*  
 next week to France, but my father says, that he  
*neither can nor will* expose them to the dangers of  
*vouloir, v.*  
 a journey through a distant country. - - I (asked  
*dans, éloigné* *de-*  
 for) a glass of wine, and *not* a glass of water.  
*mander, v.*  
 - - Will you come with me? *No*, for you always  
*car, c.*  
 travel *by night*. - - Always speak *kindly*. - - *Where* did  
 you meet them? - - It was *where* I saw your brother

for the last time. -- It was at Caernarvon *where* Edward the Second (was born,) the first who bore the *Edouard* *naître, v.*

title of Prince of Wales. -- It was near the walls of *Galles.* *muraille*

Corunna in Spain, *where*, (or *near which*) the brave *la Corogne*

Sir John Moore was wounded, and died a *chevalier, m.* *Jean*

few hours after; England will long regret the loss of that great general. It was there also *where* that<sup>2</sup>

famous<sup>3</sup> battle<sup>4</sup> (was fought<sup>1</sup>) (in which) both our *se donner, v.* *où* *se*

officers and soldiers showed so much courage. -- It is not amidst the pleasures of this world *where* (or *amidst* *parmi, p.*

*which*) we find happiness; it is in the bosom of inno- *sein, m.*

cence and peace, *where* (or *in which*) we ought to (look for) it. -- It is in the county of Huntingdon *chercher, v.* *province, f.*

*where* the best cheeses in the kingdom are made.\*

### ADVERBS.

*D'où ?* whence ?

*Par où ?* through what place ? which way ? through which ?

*Oui,* yes.

*D'outre en outre,* through.

*Pas à pas,* step by step.

*De part et d'autre,* on both sides.

*Nulle part,* no-where, any-where.

*à peine,* hardly, scarcely.

*Pêle-mêle,* helter-skelter.

*Peut-être,* may be, perhaps.

*Peu,* little.

*Peu à peu,* by little and little, by degrees.

*à peu près,* *à peu de chose près,* } almost, very near, thereabouts

*Dans peu*, in a short time.

*Depuis peu*, lately, not long ago, a little while ago.

*à pied*, on foot.

*Pieds nus*, barefoot, barefooted.

*Au pis aller*, let the worst come to the worst.

*De pis en pis*, worse and worse.

*De plein gré*, with a good will, freely.

*De plein pied*, on the same floor.

*à pleines mains*, largely.

*Plus*, more, above.

*Plus—plus*, the more—the more.

*Plus qu'il n'en faut*, more than enough.

*Au plus, tout au plus*, at the most.

*De plus en plus*, more and more.

*à plus forte raison*, much rather, much more so.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

Did my brothers tell you *whence* they came? - - -

*Which way* are they gone? - - - The hole *through*  
*which* they (made their escape) was so small, that I  
*s'échapper*, v.

do not know how they could (get out). - - Do you know  
*sortir*, v.

your lesson? Yes, Sir. - - - The barrel is pierced  
*baril*, m.

*through*. - - - I will follow you *step by step*. - - -

The battle was cruel and bloody, and  
*combat*, m. *sanglant*, adj.

kept up (a long time) with an equal advantage  
*se maintenir*, v.

*on both sides*. - - - I can find my book *no-where*. - - -

(There is no) going *any-where* in winter. - - He speaks  
*en*

so low, that I can *hardly* hear what he says. - - - The

Spaniards pursued them so closely that they  
*Espagnol*, m. *de si près*, adv.

entered the town *helter-skelter*. - - - I shall see you  
*dans*

*perhaps* to-morrow. - - He has *little* money. - - If you

give me a verb, I will learn it *by little and little*. - - -

She is as tall as you, or *thereabouts*. -- I heard that your sister will (be married) in a short time. -- Have *se marier*

you (heard from) your mother *lately*? -- I received a letter from her *not long ago*. -- I was on foot, and he was in a coach. -- I often pity the poor little

*chimney sweepers, who walk barefooted in cheminée ramoneur, m.*

winter. -- Let the worst come to the worst, I will (get rid) of it. -- Your brother writes *worse se défaire, v.*

and worse. -- He submitted to it with a good will. -- *se soumettre*

All our rooms are on the same floor. -- He is so charitable, that he gives alms *largely*. -- I shall *aumône, f. sing.*

never more complain of the rude *reception malhonnête, adj. accueil, m.*

which your uncle has given to my father. -- I have *fait, p. p.*

written three letters, neither more nor less. -- You are above twenty years old. -- The more we are *plus de*

above others, the more it becomes us to be *de*

modest and humble.\* -- You give me more than *de*

enough. -- How many coats have you? -- I have six at the most. -- I shall endeavour to deserve your kindness more and more. -- If I have done that to

oblige my friend, I would much more so do it for my relations. *pour, p.*

*parent, m.*

## ADVERBS.

*Plutôt*, sooner.

*Point du tout*, not at all.

\* See the rule, page 75.

*à point nommé*, seasonably.

*Tout à point*, in the nick of time.

*à propos*, seasonably.

*Pourquoi ?* or *que ne ?* why ?

*De près*, near, nearly, narrowly.

*Premièrement*,  
*En premier lieu*, } first, in the first place.

*Dès à présent*, from this moment.

*Presque*, almost, hardly.

*Presque jamais*, hardly ever, (with *ne* before the verb.)

*Presque toujours*, most commonly.

*De propos délibéré*, on purpose, purposely, deliberately.

*Par cas fortuit*, by chance, accidentally.

*Par derrière*, behind.

*Par dessus le marché*, into or over the bargain.

*Par en bas*, downward.

*Par en haut*, upward.

*Par malice*, through ill-nature, out of ill-nature.

*Par mégarde*, unawares.

*Par terre*, upon the ground, down.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

My father arrived yesterday *sooner* than we expected him. --- Do you like that book ? *Not at all*. --- You come very *seasonably*, and your brother came *in the nick of time*. --- He speaks *little*, but he speaks *seasonably*. --- *Why* do you not learn your lessons better ? --- *Why* do you not come yourself ? --- Your dog is so snarling, that (there is no) approaching him *near*. --- He *narrowly* escaped being killed. --- *In the first place*, I must tell you that I shall punish you, if you do not behave better. --- *From this moment* I begin to believe that you are altered. --- You are *almost*

as tall as I am. - - He is *hardly ever* at home. - - - We  
*chez lui.*  
 dine most commonly between three and four o'clock  
*entrè, p.*  
 - - They killed him *purposely*. - - I met him *by chance*.  
 - - That has happened *accidentally*. - - He struck  
*frapper, v.*  
 his enemy *behind*. - - - He gave me three yards of  
*aune*  
 muslin *into the bargain*. - - - Shall I begin down-  
*mousseline*  
 ward or upward? - - - Begin downward. - - He has  
 torn my book through ill-nature. - - - If I have  
*déchirer, v.*  
 done him any harm, certainly I did it *unawares*. - - -  
*du*  
 I always find your books and hat *upon the ground*.  
 - - It was Peter who threw me down.  
*jeter, v.*

## ADVERBS.

*Quand ?* when ?

*Depuis quand ?* how long is it since ?

*Que ?* why ? how ?

*Quelquefois*, sometimes.

*à quoi bon ?* to what purpose ?

*Rarement*, seldom.

*Au reste,* } as to the rest.

*Du reste,* }

*à rebours*, the wrong way.

*à reculons*, backward.

*à la renverse*, backward, upon one's back.

*Au or à rez de chaussée*, even with the ground.

*Sens devant derrière*, preposterously.

*Sens dessus dessous*, topsy-turvey.

*De tous sens,* } every way.

*De tous les sens,* }

*Séparément*, separately.

*Seulement*,\* only.

*De sang froid*, in cold blood.

*De suite*, together, one after another.

\* *Only* is often also expressed, in French, by *ne* before the verb and *que* after it, then it becomes a conjunction.



*Dans la suite,* } afterward.  
*Par la suite,* }  
*Sur le champ,* directly, upon the spot.  
*Sûrement,* safely.

## EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

*When* shall I have the pleasure of seeing you? --  
*How long* is it since you lived in London? -- Why do  
 you not come to see us *sometimes*? -- To what pur-  
 pose shall I write to him? -- He writes to me very  
*seldom*. -- As to the rest, do as you please. -- You  
 do (every thing) the *wrong way*. -- You hold your  
 book the *wrong way*. -- He fell *upon his back*. --  
 If you walk *backward*, you will fall *backward*. -- Our  
 eating-room is even with the *ground*. -- You put all  
 your things *preposterously*. -- She has left (every  
 thing) *topsy-turvy*. -- You may find it *every-*  
*where*. -- He defeated them *separately*. -- I only saw  
 him *once*. -- He committed the murder in *cold*  
*blood*. -- They go *together*. -- He will give you much  
 pleasure *afterward*. -- Do *directly* what I bid  
 you. -- We arrived *safely*

## ADVERBS.

*Tant*, so much, so many.  
*Tant mieux*, so much the better.  
*Tant pis*, so much the worse.  
*Tantôt*, by and by, sometimes.  
*Tantôt—tantôt*, sometimes—sometimes.  
*Tôt*, } soon, very soon.  
*Bientôt*, }

*Tôt ou tard*, one time or other, sooner or later, soon or late.

*Tant soit peu*, very little, ever so little.

*Tard*, late.

*à temps*, time enough, in proper time.

*De long-temps*, for a long time, this long while.

*De temps en temps*, {  
*De temps, à autre*, { now and then, from time to time.

*à tort*, wrongfully.

*à tort ou à droit*, right or wrong.

*à tort et à travers*, at random.

*Trop*, too much.

*Toujours*, always, ever.

*Pour toujours*, forever.

*Tous les jours*, every day.

*Tour à tour*, by turns.

*Tout*, quite, wholly, thoroughly, entirely.\*

*Tout à coup*, suddenly, on a sudden, all at once.

*Tout bas*, softly, with a low voice.

*Tout d'un coup*, suddenly, on a sudden, all at once.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

He has so much money, and so many goods,  
 that he does not know what to do (with them.) - -  
*en, pro.*

(It is) so much the better for me, but it will be so  
*C'est, v. ce*

much the worse for you. - - My father will come back  
*revenir, v.*

by and by. - - Sometimes you write well, some-  
 times you write very badly. - - My father says I shall  
 soon go to France. - - Have patience, you will suc-  
 ceed one time or other. - - The sun is the em-  
 blem of truth, which dispels, sooner or later, the  
*dissiper, v.*

\* This adverb takes the nature of a noun adjective, and becomes  
 declinable, in French, when placed before another adjective feminine  
 beginning with a consonant and an *h* mute: ex.

*Ces femmes paroissoient tout effrayées et toutes consternées* These women seemed quite fright-  
 ened and quite dismayed.

vapours of slander. - - - Did he give you any meat ?  
 He gave me *very little*. - - You arrived *late*, but I  
 came in *proper time*. - - I have not (heard from) my  
 brother *for a long time*. - - Come and see us *now and*  
*then*. - - - You accuse him *wrongfully*. - - - *Right or*  
*wrong*, he will *par* speak, and always speaks at  
*random*. - - Give him a little money, but never give  
 him *too much*. - - You *always* contradict me when I  
 speak. - - O my children ! be *ever good*, and you will be  
*ever happy*. - - I bid you adieu *for ever*. - - I go *every*  
*day* to town. - - We will dance by *turns*. - - - I am  
*quite* tired with repeating the same things. - - - My  
*sisters* were *quite* transported with joy when they  
 heard the happy news of the victory. - - Misfortunes  
 come sometimes *suddenly* upon us. - - - Speak *softly*  
 - - - A storm arose *suddenly*, and the sailors  
 were *quite* frightened. - - - The ladies I saw at the  
 play were *quite* young and happy. - - He has more  
 brilliancy than solidity. - - - Science is estimable.  
*brillant* *solide*.  
 but virtue is more so.  
*davantage*,adv.

## ADVERBS.

*Tout à fait*, quite.  
*Tout à l'heure*, this minute, presently.  
*Tout droit*, straight along.  
*Tout de bon*, in good earnest.  
*Tout de son long*, all along.  
*Tout franc*, frankly, freely.  
*Tout haut*, aloud.  
*Tout outre*, through and through.

*à tout bout de champ,* } at every turn.  
*à tous coups,* }  
*à tous égards,* in all respects.  
*De toutes ses forces,* with all his or her might.  
*Par tout,* every where.  
*Par tout où,* wherever.  
*Vîte,* } quickly.  
*Vitement,* }  
*Vivement,* } to the quick.  
*Au vif,* }  
*à vide,* empty.  
*Au plus vite,* with all speed.  
*Voici,* here is, behold.  
*Voilà,* there is, behold.  
*à vue d'œil,* perceptibly.  
*Y,* there, therein, within, thither.

## EXERCISE UPON THESE ADVERBS.

You are quite altered. -- I will do it presently. --  
*changé.*  
 If you do not come this minute, I shall go and  
 fetch you. -- Go straight along. -- Do you be-  
*chercher, v.*  
 lieve it in good earnest? -- He was lain down all  
*couché, p. p.*  
 along. -- He acts frankly, and speaks aloud. -- He  
 ran him through and through. -- He speaks  
*percer, v.*  
 at every turn, without knowing what she says. --  
*sans, p. savoir, v.*  
 She is better than her sister in all respects. -- He  
 struck me with all his might. -- I have (looked  
*frapper, v.*  
 for) you every-where. -- I will follow you wherever  
*cher, v.*  
 you go. -- Set out quickly. -- Her misfortunes  
 (by the fut.) *malheur, m.*  
 touch me to the quick. -- The coach was returning  
*s'en retourner, v. refl.*  
 empty. -- Go with all speed to Mrs. Lucas and  
*chez, p.*

tell her to come *directly*. -- *Here is my room, and*  
*de*  
*there is yours.* -- These children grow *percep-*  
*grandir, v.*  
*tibly.* -- Go *thither* instantly.  
*tout de suite, adv.*

## SECT. VII. OF PREPOSITIONS.

Prepositions are divided into the three following classes. First, those that govern the genitive or ablative case. Secondly, those that govern the dative. And, lastly, those that govern the accusative.

First, the following govern the genitive or ablative.

*Autour de*, about, round.  
*à cause de*, because of, on account of.  
*à cause de vous, de lui, d'elle, de nous, &c.* on your, his,  
her, our, &c. account  
*à côté de*, aside, by.  
*à couvert de*, free, secure, or screened from.  
*à fleur de*, close to, even with.  
*à moins de*, under.  
*à force de,\** by dint of.  
*à raison de*, at the rate of  
*à l'abri de*, at the rate of.  
*à l'égal de*, in comparison of.  
*à l'égard de*, with regard, with respect, as to, concerning  
*à la faveur de*, by means of.  
*à l'insu de*, without the knowledge of, unknown to.  
*à la manière de,* } in or after the manner or fashion of.  
*à la mode de,* }  
*à l'opposite de,* } over against.  
*Vis à vis de,* }  
*Au deçà de,* } on this side.  
*En deçà de,* }  
*Au de là de*, on that side, on the other side.  
*Au de hors de*, out, without.  
*Au dessus de*, above, over, upon.  
*Au dessous de*, under, below, beneath.

\*This preposition is sometimes Englished by *with*: ex.

*Il pleure à force de rire,* He cries *with* laughing.

*Au devant de*, before.

*Aller au devant de*, to go to meet.

*Au derrière de*, behind, in the back part.

*Au dedans de*, in, within.

*Au lieu de*, instead of.

*Au milieu de*, in the middle of.

*Au prix de, en comparaison de*, in comparison to.

*Aux environs de*, about, round about.

*En suite de*, after.

*Faute de*, for want of.

*à la hauteur de*, (sea term,) off.

*Hors de*, out of.

*Le long de*, along.

*Loin de*, far from.

*Près or proche de*, } near, or nigh by.

*Auprès de*,

*Pour l'amour de moi, de lui, d'elle, de vous, &c.* for my sake, for his, her, your sake, &c.

*Tout auprès de*, close, hard by.

*à l'épreuve de*, proof against, (able to resist.)

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE PREPOSITIONS.

Come this way ; we shall walk round the meadow.  
prairie,f.

I have sent nothing to your brother, because of his idleness ; but I forgive him on your account. - - Sit down by that lady's sister. - - Endeavour to set yourself  
mettre,v.

free from blame. - - We are not yet secure from all danger. - - Cut that sorrel even with the ground.  
oseille,f.

- - He is become a very good master by dint of study and practice. - - He will not sell it under  
vouloir,v.

twelve guineas. - - My brother bought yesterday twenty pairs of silk stockings at the rate of fourteen shillings and sixpence a pair. - - Under that tree  
Sous,p.

we shall be sheltered from the rain. - - Your horse (is worth) very little in comparison of his. - - With  
valoir,v.

*regard* to what you say, I do not mind it.  
*se soucier, v. en.*  
 - - All the prisoners (made their escape) *by means of*  
*s'échapper, v.*  
 the darkness of the night. - - Your brother is  
*obscurité, f.*  
 gone to London *without the knowledge of your*  
 mother. - - He (left off) Latin *unknown to his*  
*quitter, v.*  
 father. - - Now the English ladies (dress themselves)  
*s'habiller, v.*  
*after the French fashion.* - - Mrs. Tart lives in  
*demeurer, v.*  
 the Strand, *over-against Catherine-street.* - - We now  
*Catherine*  
 live *on this side* of the river - Do not you say that  
*demeurer*  
 you met my father *on the other side* of the bridge?  
 - - Why did you stay *out of the house?* - - Mrs. A.  
 is very proud, she (thinks herself) *above every body,*  
*se croire*  
 and consequently she (looks upon) every body as  
*regarder, v.*  
*beneath* her. - - Did you observe the elegant  
*remarquer, v.*  
 lady who was in the box *below* you? - - There  
*loge, f.*  
 is a large tree *before* the house. - - I am  
*grand*  
*going to meet* my aunt, will you accompany me? - -  
 My uncle has a rich plantation in the *back*  
*part* of Virginia. - - There is a fine statue *within* the  
*f.*  
 garden. - - He took my hat *instead of his.* - - Let us  
 go *in the middle* of the meadow. - - My house (is  
*va-*  
 good for) nothing *in comparison of* hers. - - He  
*loir, v.*  
 walks two or three times a\* day *about* the garden. - -  
*fois, f.*

\* Remember the observations after the article *un, une, a or an*, at the bottom of page 61.

We drank tea, *after* which we went to  
*prendre, v.* *quoi, pro.*  
 the play. - - I can do nothing, *for want* of money. - -  
 They were *off* the Cape of Good Hope when they  
*Cap, m.* *Espérance, f.*  
 were taken. - - Do not push me out of the  
*pousser, v.*  
 room. - - He is gone *along* the river. We are still  
*far from* our house. - - I met your friend Mr. A.  
*near* the church. - - My mother was buried *nigh* this  
 marble pillar.\* - - He passed *by* me without knowing  
*sans, p.* *connoître*  
 me. - - I do it *for your sake* as well as for *theirs*.  
 - - My best friend lives *close* to the Royal Exchange,  
*demeurer* *Bourse, f.*  
 and he lived formerly *close* to St. James's palace. - -  
 'The officers and soldiers were lodged in barracks,  
*caserne, f.*  
 cannon and bomb-proof. - - My shoemaker very  
*canon, m.* *bombe, f. pl.*  
 much wanted to make me a pair of boots water-  
*désirer, v.* *de*  
 proof, but I had not money enough to pay him.  
*pour, p.*

Secondly, the following govern the Dative.

*Conformément*, according, pursuant.

*Jusque'à,* } till, until, even to, as far as, to.  
*Jusques à,* }

*Par rapport à,* with respect to, on account of.

*Quant à,* as for, as to.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE PREPOSITIONS.

A candid and sincere man always speaks and acts  
*according* to what he thinks. - - He has been punished  
*pursuant* to an act of parliament. - - Yesterday we  
*parlement, m.*

\* See rule, page 57.



(waited for) him *till* five o'clock (in the) morning. - -  
*du*

They fought with obstinacy on both sides *until* the  
*des deux*

beginning of the night. - - If I had not stopped him,  
*entrée, f.*

he would have gone *even to* Dover. - - We accompa-  
*être*

nied them *as far as* Rochester, and they pursued  
 their way *to* Canterbury. - - I will do it *with respect*  
*chemin*

to you, but never *on account* of them. - - *As for* me,  
 I will not give him a penny. - - *As for* us, we were  
*sou, m.*

(very much) dissatisfied, I assure you. - - *As to* what  
*très,*

people may say, I do not (care for) it.  
*gens. p, pouvoir, v. (fut.) se soucier de, v.*

Thirdly, the following require the Accusative.

*Après*, after.

*D'après*, after, according to.

*Avant*, before.

*Avec*, with.

*à travers*, cross, through.

*Chez*, in, to, at, among.

*Chez moi, chez toi, chez lui, chez elle, chez nous*, &c. at *or*  
 to my, thy, his, her, our, &c. house.

*Contre*, against.

*Dans*, in, into, within.

*De*, about, through.

*Depuis*, since, from.

*Derrière*, behind.

*Dès*, from.

*Devant*, before.

*De dessus*, from the top.

*De dessous*, from under, from beneath.

*Durant*, during.

*En*, in, into, like, as a, at.

*Entre*, between.

*Envers*, towards, with regard to.

*Environ*, about.

<i>Excepté,</i>	}	except, but, save.
<i>Hors,</i>		
<i>Hormis,</i>		
<i>Moyennant,</i>		for, provided.
<i>Nonobstant,</i>	}	notwithstanding, in spite of.
<i>Malgré,</i>		
<i>Oltre,</i>		beside.
<i>Par,</i>		by, through.
<i>Par deçà,</i>		on this side.
<i>Par delà,</i>		on that side.
<i>Par derrière,</i>		behind.
<i>Par dessus,</i>		above, over.
<i>Pardessous,</i>		under, below.
<i>Parmi,</i>		among.
<i>Pendant,</i>		during, for.
<i>Pour,</i>		for.
<i>Sans,</i>		without.
<i>Sauf,</i>		saving, but, with.
<i>Selon,</i>	}	according to.
<i>Suivant,</i>		
<i>Sous,</i>		under.
<i>Sur,</i>		upon, about.
<i>Touchant,</i>		concerning, about.
<i>Vers,</i>		towards, to.

## EXERCISE UPON THESE PREPOSITIONS.

He arrived here an hour *after* you. -- Miss A. paints *after* nature. -- *According to* her assertion, it is false. -- Let me drink *before* you. -- Did you not see her walk *with* her father? -- It was *Ce* the ancient Britons, who cut a road *through* this mountain. -- Such was the custom *among* the Romans. -- I was going *to* your house : but as I have met you, we will go *to* my house, where we shall dine. -- Do not lean *against* that wall. -- Go and take a walk *in* the garden. -- I am going *into* my *faire un tour*

room. -- (Keep yourself) *within* the limits of decency. -- *Se tenir*, v. *borne*

I spoke to your father *about* your affairs. -- His father died *through* grief -- I have not (heard from) her *since* her departure. -- Go into my room; you will find a letter *behind* the looking-glass; *miroir*, m.

(be so kind as) to bring it to me. -- *From* this moment I believe you. -- Do not put yourself *before* me. -- We saw the camp *from the top of* the hill. -- I saw it *from under* a tree. -- He behaved well *during* your absence. -- My sister *is in* England. -- He behaved *like an* honest man in that affair. -- He acts *as* a tender father who loves you. -- Tell nobody what passed *between* you and me. -- Be not unjust *towards* *se passer*

your neighbours. -- It was *about* four o'clock when *prochain*, m. sing.

we (set out). -- Take all that you please *except* my sword. -- I give you all my books, *but* the History of France. -- They were all drowned *save* my friend. -- *vouloir*, (fut.)

He will do it *for* two guineas. -- I walk every day, *notwithstanding* the bad weather. -- I hope you will succeed in your undertaking, *in spite of* Mrs Slander. *noyer*, v.

-- *Beside* his own money, he spends all his sister's. -- It is said that Gibraltar is (blocked up) *by* land *bloquer*, v.

and *by* sea. -- I have passed *through* France and Italy. -- We have passed *through* Germany. -- He *Allemagne*.

*lives on this side*, and his brother *on that side* of London. -- \* He is a coward who attacks his enemy



he (was married.) - - He made us wait *above* a week. - -  
*se marier.*

My father's country-house is very handsome, but it  
 cost him *above* six thousand pounds. - - In the last  
 sea-fight which took place between the French and  
*avoir lieu*

the English, *above* twelve hundred men perished in  
 the action (on the) side of the French, and the  
*du*

English took *above* fifteen ships of the line. - - It is  
*above* a year since my cousin set off for Jamaica.

*que* *partir, v.* *Jamaïque, f.*

*At* is most commonly rendered by *à*, and sometimes by  
 one of the French articles *au*, *à la*, *à l'*, *aux*, according to  
 the gender and number of the noun following : ex.

<i>Nous étions à dîner,</i>	We were at dinner.
<i>Elle est à la maison,</i>	She is at home.
<i>Il joue bien aux cartes,</i>	He plays well at cards.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

If you be *at* Romé, live as they do *at* Rome. - -  
*vivre on*

We will (get up) next week *at* six o'clock. - - When I  
*se lever*

called upon Mr. B. he was *at* breakfast. - - (Every  
*passer chez*

thing) I have is *at* your service. - - My brother is *at*

Mr. H.'s academy. - - Were you *at* Mrs. C.'s ball last  
 week? - - You always travel by night *at* the peril of

your life. - - I will pay you *at* the end of the year. - -

My mother is *at* the height of happiness. - - He plays  
*comble, m.*

very well *at* chess, and his companion begins  
*échecs, m. pl.*

to play a little *at* draughts. - - He did it *at* the instigation  
*dames, f. pl.*

of his friend.

After nouns or verbs denoting anger, derision, joy, provocation, resentment, sorrow, surprise or concern, *at* is rendered by one of the following articles, *de, du, de la, de l', des* : ex.

<i>Il se moque de vous,</i>	He laughs at you.
<i>Je me réjouis de votre bonheur,</i>	I rejoice at your good luck.
<i>Nous sommes surpris de ce que vous dites,</i>	We are surprised at what you say.

#### EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

Exasperated at his conduct, he told him never to  
*Irrité, adj.* *de*  
 laugh at poor people. -- We always (ought to) re-  
*se moquer,* *devoir*  
 joice at the good fortune which befalls our neigh-  
*arriver, v. à*  
 bours. -- I am vexed at the news which we received  
*fâché*  
 last week. -- A good Christian never shows any re-  
 sentment at the injuries which are offered to him. --  
*faire*  
 He always smiles at (every thing) which is said. -- A  
*tout*  
 patient man never grieves at his misfortunes. --  
*s'attrister, v.*  
 I cannot help being surprised at her manner  
*s'empêcher, v. de*  
 of answering. -- I am concerned at the loss which  
*fâché*  
 you sustained in your trade. -- He was so mortified at  
*essuyer, v.* *commerce, m.*  
 the disobedience of his sons, that he died through grief.  
*de*

*At* is rendered by *chez*, when, in English, it precedes the word *house*, either expressed or understood, and the same rule is to be observed with respect to the preposition *to* : ex.

<i>J'étois chez votre frère,</i>	I was at your brother's.
<i>Je vais chez Madame Lucas,</i>	I am going to Mrs. Lucas's

## EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

I called upon Miss Brown this morning, as I had  
*passer chez*  
 promised your mother, but she was not *at* home. - -  
*à*  
 Where was she then? She was *at* her aunt's. - - I  
*donc?*  
 thought my friend was *at* his father's, but I mistook,  
*se tromper*  
 for he was *at* his uncle's. - - How long have you been  
*en*  
*at* Mr. H.'s? - - We lodge *at* my friend's, but we board  
*manger*  
*at* the pastry cook's. - - If you go *to* my brother, tell  
 him to come *to* my cousin's, where I (am to) spend  
*de* *passer, v.*  
 the day, and we will go together *to* his friend's.

*By*, when preceding a numeral adjective immediately followed by another adjective expressing the *dimension* or *superfices* of an object, is rendered in French by *sur*, and when it precedes the verb in the participle active, it is then rendered by *en* : ex.

<i>Cette chambre a dix pieds de</i>	This room is ten feet long
<i>longueur sur sept et demi</i>	<i>by</i> seven and a half wide.
<i>de largeur,</i>	
<i>En agissant ainsi, vous vous</i>	<i>By</i> acting thus, you will
<i>ferez des ennemis,</i>	get enemies.

## EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

My box is a foot and a half deep *by* two wide and four long. - - The general (drew up) his army in order  
*ranger, v.* *en.*  
 of battle, on a plain three miles long *by* two  
 and a half wide. - - - Our (school-room) at Alfred  
*école, t.*  
 House, Camberwell, is forty feet long *by*  
 thirty-six wide, and our garden contains above  
 an acre of land. - - You will soon speak French  
*arpent, m.*

*by* applying so. - - Your father gets a considerable  
*s'appliquer* *faire, v.*  
 fortune *by* buying cheap, and selling dear. - - Men  
 acquire learning *by* working, and not *by* sleeping. - -  
 Water hollows a stone, not *by* falling with force,  
*creuser, v.*  
 but *by* falling often ; so men become learned, not  
*by* studying with force, but *by* studying often.

*By*, after the verbs *to sell*, *to buy*, *to work*, and the like,  
 preceding a noun of *weight* or *measure*, *day*, *week*, *month*,  
 or *year*, is rendered into French by *à*, *au*, *à la*, *à l'*, *aux*,  
 according to the gender and number of the following  
 noun : ex.

<i>Je ne vends rien à la livre,</i>	I sell nothing <i>by</i> the pound.
<i>Il achète toujours à l'aune,</i>	He always buys <i>by</i> the ell.
<i>Nous travaillons à l'heure,</i>	We work <i>by</i> the hour, or <i>by</i>
<i>ou à la journée,</i>	the day.

#### EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

Always buy tea *by* the pound, and never *by* the  
 ounce : you will get it cheaper. - - I never buy my  
*avoir*  
 cloth *by* the ell, but *by* the piece. - - It is a sad thing  
 to buy coals *by* the bushel. - - How do you sell your  
*de*  
 brandy ? We sell it *by* the gallon, and not *by* the  
 bottle. - - He sells his wine *by* the dozen. - - I sell  
 eggs *by* the hundred, and chesnuts *by* the quarter.  
 - - How do you measure your cambrick ? *by* the ell,  
*batiste, m.*  
 or *by* the yard ? - - Do you buy cider *by* the hogshead,  
*tonneau, m.*  
 or *by* the pipe ? - - Does your father work *by* the  
 week or the month ? - No, Sir, he works *by* the year.  
 Well ! I always thought he worked *by* the piece.

*By*, immediately following the verbs *to kill*, *to wound*,  
*to knock down*, and the like, is made into French by *d'un*  
*coup de*, when it expresses the effect, blow, thrust, stroke,



firing, &c. of an instrument by which a man was either killed, wounded, &c. provided the blows have not been repeated : if the blows have been repeated, we make use of *à coups de*, in which case it is most commonly rendered in English *by with* : ex.

*Il fut blessé d'un coup de* He was wounded *by* an ar-  
*flèche,* row.  
*Ils l'assommèrent à coups de* They knocked him down  
*bâton,* *with* a stick.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE PREPOSITIONS.

Achilles was killed (at the) siege of Troy *by* an  
*Achille* *au* *Troie*  
arrow, which Paris, king Priam's son, (let fly)  
*décocher, v.*  
at his heel.\* - - Unable to catch the thief,  
*talon, m.* *Ne pouvoir attraper, v.*  
they knocked<sup>2</sup> him<sup>1</sup> down<sup>2</sup> *with* sticks. - - At last,  
*Enfin, adv.*  
the king, having broke his battle-axe and sword,  
*kache-d'armes, f.*  
was (knocked down) *by* a stone, and taken prisoner.  
*renversé, p.p.* *fait, p.p.*  
- - - William the Second was killed *by* an arrow in the  
New-Forest. - - My brother was wounded *by* a gun,  
*fusil, m.*  
and my cousin was killed *by* a cannon-ball. - Edward  
*boulet de canon, m.*  
the First was wounded in Palestine *with* a poisoned  
*f.*  
dagger. - - He is so strong, that *with* his fist he  
*poignard, m.*  
could knock down an ox. - - He threw my brother  
down, and almost killed him *with* his feet. - -  
*par terre,*  
They killed him not *with* stones, but *with* arrows. - -  
The soldiers kill one another *with* bayonets, and the  
*se tuer*  
officers *with* sabres and swords. - - He killed his dog

\* See rule, page 111.

with kicks. - The city of Vera Cruz has been destroyed by cannon-shot.

For, after *reflected verbs*, as also those which denote *thanksgiving*, &c. is rendered by one of the following articles, *de, du, de la, de l', des* : ex.

<i>Je me réjouis du service qu'il</i>	I rejoice for the service
<i>vous a rendu, et je l'en re-</i>	which he has done to you,
<i>mercierai demain,</i>	and will thank him to-
	morrow for it.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

I am very grateful *reconnoissant, adj.* for all the kindness *bonté, f.*  
 you have had for me. - - He is very sorry for the  
 grief he has caused you. - - When we have reached *atteindre, v.*  
 the age of reason, we are often sorry, but too late,  
 for the time we lost when we were young. - - My  
 brother desired me to thank you for the part you  
*de*  
 took in his troubles. - - Every one leaped for joy,  
*peine, f.* *tressaillir*  
 when the happy news of peace arrived. - - A child  
 who cares little for the author of his life,  
*se soucier, v.* *jours, m. pl.*  
 is an unnatural being. - - An ungrateful son will be  
*dénaturé, adj.*  
 punished (one time or other) for his ingratitude.

From, preceding the name of a man or woman, or one of the *personal, possessive, relative, or interrogative*, pronouns, after the verbs *to go, to come, to send*, &c. is generally rendered in French by *de la part de*, or *de ma, de sa, de notre part de votre part*, &c. : ex.

*Allez de ma part chez* Go from me to Mr. D.

*Mons. D.*

*Je viens de sa part,* I come from him or her.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

Go from me to Miss Dunkin's, and tell her I shall  
*lui*

be glad to see her : no, stop a little, tell her that  
 you come <sup>de</sup> from my cousin, who has something very  
 pretty to show her. - - From whom do you come ?  
 'said she' to me'. - - Madam, replied I to her, I come  
 from my parents, who sent me. - - Well, answered  
 she, any one is always welcome, who comes from  
 them. - - Send from me to Mr. Lucas, and let him  
 know that I am, (very much) vexed at the letter I  
 received from him ; I never could have expected  
 to receive such an affront from and old acquaintance.  
 à <sup>très de</sup> <sup>s'attendre, v.</sup> <sup>connoissance, f.</sup>

*In* requires some attention from the learner, who is to observe that *dans* is followed by the article, a pronoun, or any word which may define the noun, when, on the contrary, *en* seldom admits of the article, whether expressed in English or not : ex.

<i>Il est dans la maison,</i>	He is in the house.
<i>Elle est en Angleterre.</i>	She is in England.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

He always keeps himself (shut up) in his room. - -  
 Take all the linen which I shall want in our journey, and put it into my box. - - Walk\* into the parlour.  
 - - We live in the county of Surrey. - - Is there a good fire in the room ? - - Ovid, one of the finest poets of the Augustan age, expired in the seventeenth year of our Lord, at Tomi, near Varna. - - Is your sister in France ? - - No, madam, she is in

\* To walk or step into is translated by *entrer*, followed by *dans* in French ; but to walk or take a walk is *se promener*.

Spain. -- How long do you intend to stay *in* town?  
 Sir, do you keep house? -- No, we live *in*  
 (ready furnished) lodgings. -- When we are *in*  
*garni*,adj. *chambre*,f. *on*  
 peace, people talk of war; and when *in* war, they  
*on*  
 talk of peace. -- Your eldest son behaved (*like a*)  
*on*  
 hero. -- If my son behave *like* an honest man, I shall  
 act towards him *as a* tender father. -- *In* what does  
 human happiness consist? -- If you wish to be happy  
 and esteemed *in* this world, live *like a* man of  
 honour and probity. -- He walks *in* the garden with  
 his friend. -- He is gone to spend the winter *in*  
*ss.*  
 Italy. -- The American<sup>s</sup> navy<sup>2</sup> officers<sup>1</sup> have acted  
*marine*  
*like* heroes.

*In*, after words denoting *pain*, *hurting*, or *wounding*,  
 and preceding one of the possessive pronouns in conjunc-  
 tion with any part of the body, is to be rendered by one  
 of the following articles, *à*, *au*, *à la*, *à l'*, *aux*, and the  
 possessive pronoun left out; and when *in* precedes a  
 noun denoting a part of time, it is not to be expressed  
 in French: ex.

<i>Il étoit blessé au bras, et</i>	He was wounded <i>in</i> his
<i>non à la jambe,</i>	arm, and not <i>in</i> his leg.
<i>Vous le trouverez toujours</i>	You will always find him
<i>chez lui le matin,</i>	at home <i>in</i> the morning.

#### EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

My brother has constantly (a pain) *in* his head, and  
 I have very often a pain *in* my teeth. -- Never eat  
 any fruit which is not ripe, for there is nothing  
 more apt to give you a pain *in* your stomach. -- My  
 companion, by jumping over a form, (fell down,)  
*banc*,m. *tomber*,v.

and was much hurt *in* the shoulder. - - Your brother was wounded *in* the arm, but not dangerously, and my cousin was mortally wounded *in* the head. - - My master comes generally *in* the morning. - - I will call upon you *in* the afternoon, and *in* the evening go to the play.

*On or upon.* This preposition is rendered by *de* after the verbs *to depend*, *to live*, *to subsist*, and the like ; and by one of the following articles, *de*, *du*, *de la*, *de l'*, *des*, after the verb *to play*, preceding the name of an instrument ; and before the days of the week and the names of the month, preceded by a numeral adjective the above preposition must not be expressed : ex.

<i>Il vit de pain et d'eau,</i>	He lives <i>on</i> bread and water.
<i>Vous jouez du violon, et il joue de la flûte,</i>	You play <i>on</i> the violin, and he plays <i>on</i> the flute.
<i>Cela arriva le dix-huit du mois dernier,</i>	That happened <i>on</i> the eighteenth of last month.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

We all depend *upon* divine mercy. - - A good end generally depends *on* a good beginning. - - Men do not live only *on* bread and meat, but *on* the grace of God. - - Birds subsist *upon* what they can catch. - - What do you live *upon*, you who never eat any meat ? - - In winter I live *on* milk and vegetables, and in summer I live *upon* bread and butter, cheese, and, all sorts of fruits. - - *Upon* what instrument does your sister play ? - She plays very well *on* the harpsichord, and she is now learning to play *on* the harp. - - Come *on* Friday early, and I will go to see you *on* the Saturday following. - - Why did you not play *on* the violin *on* Wednesday last ? - - *On* June the eighth, 1376, died

Edward, prince of Wales, the delight of the nation, in the forty-sixth year of his age. - - On the third of June, 1664, the English obtained a great victory over the Dutch off Harwich, took eighteen ships, and destroyed fourteen more.

*Over.* This preposition is commonly rendered in French by *sur*; but it must be rendered by the participle passive of the verbs *finir*, *passer*, *achever*, when it denotes an action ended: ex.

<i>Il a l'avantage sur vous.</i>	He has the advantage over you.
<i>Votre frère partit dès que la pluie fut passée.</i>	Your brother set out as soon as the rain was over.
<i>Le dîner est-il fini ?</i>	Is dinner over?

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

A coach passed over his body, and killed him. - - Tullia, Tarquinius' wife, the unnatural daughter of Servius, king of Rome, ordered her coachman to drive over the dead body of her father. - - In going to London, did you go over Westminster bridge? - - Yes, but in coming back I passed over Blackfriars bridge. - - They dissolved the army as soon as it was resolved that the campaign was over. - - In France they drink coffee as soon as dinner is over. - - You may go and walk when the rain is over. - - They fought well, and the battle was soon over.

*With* is rendered by *dans*, when it is used before nouns denoting the purpose, design, or motive of the agent : ex.

*Il le fit dans l'attente d'être bien récompensé,* He did it *with* an expectation of being well rewarded.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

He poisoned his brother *with* the hope of inheriting his estates. - - My brother is gone to your house *with* the design of scolding you well. - - He who beats another *with* the intention of killing him, is a murderer (at the) bottom of his heart. - - He did it *with* the intention of pleasing you, and not *with* any design of hurting you. - - I went last week to Mr. Olympus, *with* the expectation of receiving the money which I lent him a month ago, but he was not at home. - - I live *with* the hope of receiving it (one time or another.) - - He said so, *with* a design of deceiving you, if he could.

*With* must be made by *de* after the following verbs, *to starve, to die, to do, to dispense, to meddle, to encompass, to load, to cover, to strike*, and those denoting *fulness* : likewise after the following adjectives, *amorous, charmed, pleased, displeased, endowed, &c.* : ex.

*Elle meurt de froid et de faim,* She dies *with* cold and hunger.  
*Je suis content de ce que j'ai,* I am pleased *with* what I have.

#### EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

Lazy people (ought to) die *with* hunger and *devoir*, v.

cold. - - The winter was so severe, that I was dying  
*with* cold. - - They are so rich that they do not know  
 what to do *with* their money - - I hope you will dis-  
 que *ou*

pense me *with* that disagreeable (piece of work.)

- - Do not meddle *with* my affairs, meddle *with* your  
 own. - It is reported on all sides that that city (is to) be  
 encompassed *with* walls. - - Do you see that wagon ?  
*chariot, m.*

It is loaded *with* goods. - - Do you wish your house to  
*que*

be covered *with* slates or tiles ? He was overwhelmed  
*soit, v.* *tuile, f.* *accablé, adj.*

*with* grief. - - The enemy, struck *with* terror and  
 astonishment, ran away. - - Honour me *with* your  
 commands. - - I have filled my cellar *with* good beer  
 and excellent wine. - - Narcissus, seeing himself in a  
*Narcisse*

clear fountain, fell (in love) *with* his own  
*devenir, v.* *amoureux, adj.*

person. - - I am charmed *with* the agreeable company  
 of your sister. - - As to us, little satisfied *with* his  
 answer, we took other measures. - - Are you not  
*nous* *vous*

pleased *with* the behaviour of your son Thomas ? - -  
*satisfait, p. p.*

You would be wrong to be dissatisfied *with*  
*avoir tort de* *mécontent, adj.*

him, for he behaved (like an) honest man in  
*se conduire, v.* *en*

that affair, and he is endowed *with* many good  
*doué, adj.*

qualities. - - The man who meddles *with* nobody's  
 affairs, but quietly lives in peace, seldom makes  
 himself enemies.

*With* is rendered by *contre* after words denoting *anger*  
 or *passion* ; and before nouns denoting the *matter*, *instru-*



ments, tools, or expressing how and in what manner a thing is done or made, it is rendered by one of the following articles, *à, au, à la, à l', aux*, according to the gender and number of the following noun : ex.

<i>Madame votre mère est très-</i>	Your mother is very angry
<i>fâchée contre vous,</i>	<i>with you.</i>
<i>Une table à tiroirs,</i>	A table <i>with</i> drawers.
<i>Dessiner au crayon, à la</i>	To draw with a pencil,
<i>craie,</i>	<i>with chalk.</i>
<i>Se battre à l'épée, au pis-</i>	To fight <i>with</i> swords, <i>with</i>
<i>tolet,</i>	pistols.

EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

My brother was in<sup>2</sup> such<sup>1</sup> a passion<sup>3</sup> *with* me, that I  
*si* *si* *colère*  
 thought he would have beaten me. -- I believe what  
*croire, v.*  
 you say, but I was very angry *with* her when she  
 told me she would not do it. -- I live near the river.  
 and if you will come to see me, we will fish *with* a  
*vouloir, v.*  
 net or a line. -- Your brother and my cousin  
*flet, m.* *ligne, f.*  
 fought *with* sabres and pistols; the former was  
*sing.* *sing.*  
 wounded in his thigh, and the latter in his side. --  
 My house has been built *with* lime and sand. -- Did  
 Miss Arnold show you the picture she has drawn  
*with* India ink? -- No, but she showed me her  
*Chine, f.*  
 mother's picture done *with* chalk: I assure you it is  
*crayon, m.*  
 very like. -- Do not go so near that wall, it is newly  
*ressemblant, adj.* *mur, m.*  
 painted *with* (white lead). -- I bought a penknife *with*  
*céruse, f.*  
 two blades. -- The Americans fought bravely  
*lame.* *se battre*  
*with* the English at New-Orleans.  
*Nouvelle*

*With* is not to be expressed after some verbs, such as, *to meet with, to trust with, to supply with, to reproach with, &c.* It is likewise to be suppressed where it expresses the *situation, position, &c.* of a person, or when it is used in the sense of *having, holding, &c.* : ex.

<i>Il a essuyé bien des cha-</i>	He has met <i>with</i> many
<i>grins,</i>	troubles.
<i>Nous lui fournirons tout ce</i>	We will supply him <i>with</i>
<i>dont il aura besoin,</i>	every thing he may want.
<i>Il se promène toujours un</i>	He always walks <i>with</i> a
<i>livre à la main,</i>	book in his hand, that
	is, <i>having, or holding a</i>
	<i>book, &amp;c.</i>

#### EXERCISE UPON THE SAME PREPOSITION.

He met *with* (so many) mortifications from his  
*essuyer, v.*  
 sons, that through grief he fell *ill and died*  
*de tomber, v.*  
 almost *with* despair. - - - When you meet  
*de rencontrer, v.*  
 a poor man, never reproach him *with* his poverty,  
 but endeavour to furnish him *with* the means  
*moyen, m.*  
 of immerging from his misery. - - I have trusted Mr.  
*sortir, v.*  
 N. *with* my son's education, with the utmost con-  
 fidence that he will answer my expectation. - - The  
 New River supplies London *with* all the water which  
 the inhabitants stand in need of. - - I reproached  
*avoir besoin, v.*  
 her *with* her ingratitude towards her benefactors. - - -  
 He always walks round his garden *with* a stick in his  
*bâton, m.*  
 hand. - - Never speak to any body *with* your hat on  
*le*  
 your head. - - He is represented on horseback, *with*  
 a sword in his right hand and a horse - pistol  
*l'épée arçon pistolet, m.*  
 in his left.  
*gauche, adj.*

*Without*, (*sans* :) this preposition is sometimes expressed (in English) by the imperfect or compound of the imperfect of the verb *to be*, preceded by the conjunction *if*, and sometimes by *but for* : ex.

Sans vous, *je ne sais ce que je deviendrois*, *If it were not for you*, I do not know what would become of me.

Sans lui, *mon frère auroit été puni*, *Had it not been for him*, my brother would have been punished.

Sans elle, *je serois mort de faim*, *But for her*, I should have starved.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS PREPOSITION.

*Without* the assistance of the Divine Providence, *secours*, m.

what are we ? what are we capable of ? - - - According to what you tell me, and what I have heard,

*entendre*, v. she has (a great deal) of wit and merit ; and, *but for* that large scar which she has in her forehead, *grand*, adj. *cicatrice*, f.

head she would be very handsome. - - - *Had it not been for* the help of good and honest people, what could you have done ? - - - *If it had not been for* me, he never would have paid you. - - *Were it not for* rich and charitable persons, what would become of the poor and needy ? - - Our neighbour fell into the river, *voisin*, m.

and *but for* my father, who was passing that way, he would have been drowned. - - *Were it not for* emulation, *se noyer*, v. refl.

tion, (every thing) would languish in the world. *tout*

### SECT. VIII.

#### OF CONJUNCTIONS.

Most of the conjunctions are adverbs and prepositions, but always attended by *de* or *que*. They have been di-

vided into *copulative, comparative, disjunctive, adversative, casual, dubitative, exceptive, conditional, continuative, conclusive, &c.* Instead of following this arrangement; it will be of more importance for the scholar to understand, that different conjunctions require different states of the verb. Some require the following verb in the *infinitive mood*, others in the *indicative*, and others again in the *subjunctive*.

These require the following verb in the *infinitive mood*.

*Afin de*, in order to.

*à moins de*, or  
*à moins que de*, } unless.

*Avant de*, or  
*Avant que de*,\* } before.

*Au lieu de*, instead of.

*De crainte de*, or  
*De peur de*, } for fear of.

*Excepté de*, except to.

*Faute de*, for want of.

*Jusqu'à*, to that degree that, till.

*Loin de*, far from.

*Plutôt que de*, rather than.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE CONJUNCTIONS.

*In order to* learn well, we must study with (a great deal) of attention. -- It will be impossible for you to learn French, *unless* you be diligent. -- Let us breakfast *before* we begin (any thing). -- A prudent man (ought to) think several times, *before* he acts. --- He is gone to church, *instead of* coming with us. --- I would not do it *for fear of* displeasing you. --- He is capable of (every thing) *except of* doing good. ---

\* This is now little used.

For want of sending for a surgeon in  
*envoyer chercher, v. chirurgien, m. à*  
time, he lost his arm. - - He carried his inso-  
*pousser, v.*  
lence to that degree that he spoke injurious words  
*dire, v. parole, f.*  
to him. - - Your cousin has humbled himself, till  
*s'humilier, v.*  
he fell (on his) knees before the idol. - - Far from  
*à*  
exciting them to fight, I did all that I could, in order  
*à*  
to prevent them. - - She would do (any thing) (in the)  
*tout au*  
world, rather than speak to him. - - Rather than study,  
he loses his time, or spends it in trifles.  
*passer*

The following require the verb in the *indicative mood*.

*Ainsi que,\** as.

*Tout ainsi que,\** just as.

*Après que,\** after that, after.

*à cause que, } because.*

*Parce que, }*

*a ce que,* according as, or to.

*à condition que,* on, or upon condition that.

*à mesure que,\** in proportion as, as.

*Au lieu que,* whereas.

*Dès le moment que,\** the moment that.

*Aussi long-tems que,\** as long as.

*Aussi loin que,\** as far as.

*Aussitôt que, }  
D'abord que, } \*as soon as.*

*Dès que, }  
Sitôt, que, }*

*Attendu que,* considering that, seeing that.

*Comme, or } \*as.*

*En tant que, }*

*De façon que, }  
De manière que, } in such manner that, so that, so  
De sorte que, }  
Si bien que, }  
Tellement que, }*

*Depuis que*, ever since, since.

*Puisque*, since.

*De même que*, even as.

*D'où vient que*, how comes it to pass that, why

*Lorsque*, { \*when.

*Quand*, {

*Mais*, but.†

*à peine—que*, hardly, scarcely—but, or when

*Outre que*, besides that.

*Pendant que*, { \*while

*Tandis que*, {

*Peut-être*, perhaps.

*Quand*, { though.

*Quand même*, {

*Selon que*, { \*according as.

*Snivant que*, {

*Tant que*,\* as long as.

*Que—de—ne*, than, only.

*Autant que*,\* as much as.

*D'autant que*, whereas, for so much as, since

*D'autant plus que*, so much the more, the more,—as.

*Tout que*, for all that.‡

*Toute fois*, yet, nevertheless.

*Toutes les fois que*, every time, as often as, whenever.

*Si non que*, except that.

*Si*, if, in case, whether. (*Were I*, *Si j'étois*.)

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE CONJUNCTIONS.

I called at your sister's, as you had desired me.

*passer*,v.

*prier*,v.

-- I punish you as you deserve (it.) -- *After* you were gone, I began writing. -- I love you *because* you behave better than your brother. -- *According* as I see, you are very well. -- He will write to you, on condition that he shall speedily receive *promptement*,adv.

† This conjunction, when beginning a sentence, is always rendered by *mais*. In the middle of a sentence, the word *but* as *only* is always rendered by *ne* before the verb, and *que* after it: ex.

*Je n'ai parlé à votre frère que* I have spoken to your brother  
*deux fois*, but twice.

‡ See rule, page 142.

your answer --- In proportion as we study, we  
become learned. -- A skilful gardener pulls up  
weeds *habile* as they grow. --- Your brother *arracher, v.*  
*mauraise herbe, f.* learns his lessons, *croître, v.* whereas you do nothing. -- The  
moment that I saw you, I knew you again. -- I did  
not stay in Italy, as long as you did. -- I followed him  
(with my) eyes as far as I could. -- As soon as they  
*des* had taken the general, the army surrendered. -- Why  
did you give it to him, considering that you had  
promised it to me? -- I did not come to see you,  
seeing that I did not know that you were ill. ---  
You (look at) me, as if I had taken your book. --  
*regarder, v.* I will lend you my horse, as you are my friend. ---  
So you will not come when I call you? --- He  
beat him so that he almost killed him. ---  
Your mother is quite altered, since I saw her  
*changé, p. p.* last. --- You must stay at home, since you  
*dernièrement, adv.* are not well. -- The thing *au logis,* happened even as I had  
foreseen it. -- How comes it to pass that I have not  
seen your friend until now? -- Why, in proportion as  
we grow older, do we not grow wiser? --- When  
*devenir, v.* you are going to undertake an affair of importance,  
permit me to tell you, that you (ought to) consult  
*de* your friends before you begin it. --- When she had  
done speaking, she (fell asleep.) --- Did you not see  
*s'endormir, v.* Mr. Brown this morning? -- Yes, but I could not speak

to him. --- Sometimes those who meddle with our affairs *but* to serve us, are those who do us most harm. --- <sup>*pour*</sup> The misfortunes of others seem <sup>*le plus*</sup> to us <sup>*tort, m.*</sup> <sup>*sembler, v.*</sup> *but* a dream in comparison to our own. --- If you <sup>*songe, m.*</sup> could give me *but* half of the money you owe me, I should be (very much) obliged to you. --- *Beside that* he does not apply as he should, he is often absent <sup>*refl.*</sup> from school. --- We were *hardly* arrived, when it began to rain. --- *While* you lose your time, your <sup>*à*</sup> brother improves fast. --- Play on the harpsichord, <sup>*beaucoup, adv.*</sup> <sup>*clavecin, m.*</sup> *while* I write my exercise. --- *Perhaps* the master will forgive me. --- *Though* you should cheapen <sup>*marchander, v.*</sup> for two hours, I could not abate sixpence. --- Our father punishes and rewards us *according as* we deserve. --- <sup>*le*</sup> Speak *as long as* you please, I will not grant you what you ask me. --- He had rather do harm <sup>*aimer, v. mieux, adv.*</sup> to his companions *than* (be doing) nothing. --- If <sup>*faire, v.*</sup> you loved to study, *as much as* you love to play, I <sup>*à*</sup> should have (no occasion) to complain. --- I avoid <sup>*aucun sujet, m.*</sup> <sup>*éviter, v.*</sup> slanderers, *as much as* I fear them. --- You may <sup>*médisant, m.*</sup> believe me, *for so much as* I was present when he said so. --- This proceeding was *the more* extraordinary, *as* it was contrary to the laws of the kingdom. --- The belief <sup>*croiance, f.*</sup> of another life appears to me *so much the more* conformable to truth, *as* it is the more necessary to virtue. --- Virtue reigns *so*



*much the more* sovereignly, as it does not reign by force and fear. -- *For all that* he is rich, I cannot esteem him. --- All men 'seek after' riches, and  
*rechercher, v.*

*yet* we see few rich men happy. -- I see the king and queen *every time* I go to Windsor. -- He interrupts me *as often as* I speak. -- *Whenever* I go to London, I meet him. -- She said nothing to me *except* that it was impossible (for her) to do what you required of  
*lui, pro. de vouloir, v.*

her. -- I know not *whether* he would come, even though you should desire him. -- *In case* Mr. S. calls  
*passer, v.*

here, tell him I am not at home. -- *If* you do it, you will be punished. -- Tell me sincerely *whether* he did it or not. -- We should spare  
*s'épargner, v.* ourselves

many troubles, *were we* more prudent.  
*peine, f.*

The conjunctions that have this mark \* affixed, as it appears in the preceding ones, when followed, in English, by a verb in the present of the indicative mood, and connected with another verb denoting futurity, require the verb, which, in English, is put in the present, to be rendered in French by the future.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

You will be rewarded *just as* you deserve. -- *After* you have done your exercises, you shall (go out.)  
*devoir, m.*

-- I will explain these rules to you, *as* we read them.

-- *The moment* that you burn this letter, the danger will be over. -- We will follow you *as far as* you go.

-- *As long as* you (keep company with) those people,  
*fréquenter, v. gens,*

never come to my house. -- We will (set out) *as soon as* we have dined. -- *As* you deserve, you will be  
*le*

rewarded. - - Send me Miss White, *when* she has  
 done writing. - - You will write the words *accord-*  
*fini, p. p. de*  
*ing* as I dictate them. - - *As long* as you behave  
*se comporter, v.*  
 well, you will be dear to me. - - - In short, said this  
 good king, I shall only (think myself) happy in *as much*  
*se croire*  
 as I cause the happiness of my people.  
*faire*

It has been remarked in the degrees of comparison,  
 that every comparative must be attended by the conjunc-  
 tion *que*, than ; it must now be observed, that, if it pre-  
 cede a verb in the infinitive, *que* is to be followed by *de*.  
 But if the verb be neither in, nor can be turned into the  
 infinitive, the conjunction must then be attended by *ne* ;  
 that is, *que* before the noun or pronoun, and *ne* before the  
 verb : ex.

<i>Il vaut mieux être malheu-</i>	It is better to be unfortunate
<i>reux que d'être coupable,</i>	<i>than</i> criminal.
<i>Mon père est revenu plu-</i>	My father came back soon-
<i>tôt que nous ne l'atten-</i>	<i>er than</i> we expected
<i>dions,</i>	him.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

It is more pleasing *agréable, adj.* to enjoy good health,  
*than* to possess a large fortune. - - It is harder (to  
*grand, adj.* *de*  
 be revenged) of an enemy, *than* forgive him. - - -  
*se venger, v.*  
 It is better to (make a sacrifice of) a limb, said the  
*sacrifier, v.*  
 surgeon, *than* to let him die. - - When the thunder  
 roars, it is less dangerous to be in an open field,  
*gronder, v.*  
*than* to take shelter under a tree. - - Should you  
*se mettre* *devoir*  
 not apply more *than* you do ; you, especially, who  
 refl.

(are to) be useful to your country? - - That would give me more pleasure *than* you imagine. - - Did you  
réfl.

not receive your goods sooner *than* you thought?  
- - How many people can say to themselves, Had I  
*se dire, v.*

employed my time *better than* I did when I was young, I should be (in good circumstances) now. - -  
*à mon aise*

Diseases come faster *than* they go away.

*s'en retourner, v.*

The following require the verb in the *subjunctive mood*.

*Afin que,* } that, in order that, to the end that.  
*Pour que,* }

*Avant que,\** before.

*Au or en cas que,* in case that, *if*, suppose that

*A moins que,\** }  
*Excepté que,* } unless, till.  
*Si ce n'est que,* }

*Que—ne,*

*Bien que,*

*Encore que,* } though, although, for all that, as.  
*Quoique,* }

*De crainte que,\** } lest, for fear.  
*De peur que,* }

*Dieu veuille que,* God grant.

*Plaise, or plutôt à Dieu que,* please God, or would to God.

*à Dieu ne plaise,* God forbid.

*Hormis que,* } save that, unless, except.  
*Hors que,* }

*Jusqu'à ce que,\** till, until.

*Loin que,* far from.

*Moyennant que,* } save that, provided that.  
*Pourvu que,* }

*Nonobstant que,* notwithstanding that.

*Pour peu que,* how little soever, however little.

*Sans que,* without that.

*Soit que,* whether,—or.

\* These conjunctions require the negation *ne* before the verbs following them: ex.

*A moins qu'il ne le fasse,*

*Unless he does it.*

*De crainte, or de peur qu'ils ne viennent,* *For fear, or lest they come.*

*Supposons que*, suppose, let us suppose that.

*Tant s'en faut que je*, I am so far from.

*Tant s'en faut qu'il or elle*, he or she is so far from.

*Tant s'en faut que nous*, or *vous*, we, or you are so far from.

#### EXERCISE UPON THESE CONJUNCTIONS.

I will explain to you every difficulty, *that* you may not be disheartened in your undertaking. ---  
*décourager, v.*

Carry that money to Mrs. Nolle, *in order that* she may pay the writing-master when he comes. --- A  
 (by the fut.)

wise and prudent man lives with economy when young, *to the end* that he may enjoy the fruit of his labour when he is old. --- *Before* you begin an  
 (by the fut.)

action, consider well, and see whether you can bring  
*en venir*  
 it about ; for, it is the end that crowns the work. ---  
*à bout* *œuvre, m.*

*In case* you want my assistance, call me, I shall be near you. --- *If* I do not call upon you this afternoon, I will write to you. --- *Suppose* you should lose your friends, what would become of you? --- You will never be respected, *unless* you forsake the bad  
*abandonner, v.*

company you keep. --- You cannot finish (to-night,) *ce soir*  
*unless* I help you. --- I will not lend it you, *unless* you promise me to return it to her, as soon as you  
*de rendre, v.*

can. --- I shall not cease to importune you, *till* you  
 (by the fut.) *de*  
 have forgiven me. --- They are not happy, *though* they be rich. --- The general arrived yesterday morning (at the) camp, weary and tired, but very season-  
*las, adj.*

ably ; immediately he gave his orders to  
*pour, p.*

begin the action, *though* he had not yet all his  
*engager, v.*

troops. --- *Although* you have a good memory, this  
 is not enough to learn any language whatever :

*pour, p.*  
 you must (make use) of your judgment. --- *For all*  
*se servir, v. refl.*

*that* she has no fortune, I do not love her the less for  
 it. --- *As* zealous as he appears, I know one  
 action of his life which is neither Christian nor  
 equitable. --- I lend you my violin, *although* you did  
 not return it to me the other day. --- My mother  
*rendre, v.*

will come to see you, *for fear* you should forget to  
*de*  
 go to the play with her. --- I will not give you  
 that penknife, *lest* you should make a bad use of it.  
 --- I will go to London to-morrow, *for fear* he  
 should come himself. --- I will write again to  
 your brother to-morrow, *lest* he should not  
 (present of subj.)

have received my last letter. --- We avoided an engage-  
 ment *for fear* we should be taken, their force being  
 superior to ours. --- God *grant* you be not disappointed  
*tromper, v.*

in your hopes ! *Would to God* I had been there ! I  
 would have conquered or perished. --- God *forbid* I  
*vaincre, v.*

should blame your conduct. --- Your business never  
 will be done properly, *unless* you do it yourself. --- I  
 shall not go out to-day, *except* you go with me. ---  
 They fought with fury on both sides,  
*se battre, v.* *acharnement*

till night came. --- I shall not set out, *till* I have  
*or*

dined. --- I am going to write, *till* we go out. --- *Far*  
*from* hating him, I wish him all kinds of prosperity.

-- I forgive you this time, *provided* you promise me to be lazy no more, and pay more attention to *de* what you are told. -- I will give you leave to dance, *faire, v.* *permission de* *of honour* *provided* you give me your word *parole, f.* not to overheat yourself. --- Why did you tell *de s'échauffer, v.* me my father was arrived, *notwithstanding* you knew the contrary? -- He is so quick, *that* *prompt, adj.* *however* little he is contradicted, he (flies into a passion) *s'emporter, v.* in an instant. --- *However* little you give her, she is of so<sup>2</sup> good<sup>3</sup> a<sup>1</sup> temper<sup>4</sup>, *that* she is always *naturel, m.* pleased. --- Can you touch it *without* my brother *content, adj.* perceiving it? --- *Suppose* we dine here to-day, *s'apercevoir de* and to-morrow at our house. --- I am so far from blaming you for assisting him, that, (on the *comp. of the pres. inf.*) *au* contrary,) I (very much) admire your conduct. --- He is so far from despising her, that, on the contrary, he respects and honours her. --- It is so far from raining, that, on the contrary, I think we shall have dry and hot weather during all this week.

The conjunction *si*, if, or whether, instead of being repeated in a sentence, is more elegantly rendered by *que*, with the verb following it in the subjunctive mood, as, instead of saying,

*Si vous venez chez moi, et si vous ne me trouvez pas,* If you call upon me and do not find me at home,  
It is more elegant to say,

*Si vous venez chez moi et  
que vous ne me trouviez  
pas, &c.*

*Que* must also be repeated in the second part of a sentence, as well as the pronoun, when there is a conjunction in the first part of it ; in this case, *que* requires the following verb to be put in the same mood as the preceding : *ex.*

*Dès que je l'aurai vu et que  
je lui aurai parlé, je vous  
le ferai savoir,*

*Quoiqu'il soit plus riche que  
vous, et qu'il ait de meilleurs  
amis,*

As soon as I have seen him  
and spoken to him, I will  
let you know it.

Though he be richer than  
you, and have better  
friends.

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

*If* your father do not arrive to-day, and *if* you  
want money, I will lend you some. ---  
*avoir besoin de*

*If* you should see your sister, and speak to  
her, &c. --- *If* you study and take pains, I  
assure you that you will learn the French  
language in a very short time. --- *Whether*  
you sing, or dance, do it with grace and atten-  
tion. --- *If* you love me, and (be willing to)  
oblige me, do not go to France with her. - - *If* men  
were wise, and would follow the dictates of  
reason, they would (save themselves) many sor-  
rows. --- *If* you meet my brother, and he speak  
to you, do not answer. - - *So that* you saw and  
spoke to her. --- *Though* you have good relations,  
your merit be known, and you do not want  
friends, your projects will not succeed without your

*lumière, f.*

*s'épargner, v.*

*parent, m.*

*manquer de*

brother's assistance. -- *As soon* as I have dressed myself, and breakfasted, I will go to see him. --- *While* you play and lose your money, your sister is learning her lesson. --- We must pity him who has *celui*

no talent, and *only* despise him who has no virtue. --- Play on the organ, while I read my brother's letter and answer him. --- *Beside* that he never studies and is always in the country, he has not so much wit as his sister. --- I will explain to you every difficulty (*in order*) that you may take courage and learn well. --- *Though* you should have the best master in England, and learn all the rules of the grammar, if you do not put them in practice, you will never speak good French. --- God grant you may succeed in your pursuits, and obtain the *entreprise, f.*

favour you solicit so ardently ! --- *Whether* *Soit que* God (raise up) thrones, or pull them down ; *élever, v.* *abaisser, v.* *or* *whether* he communicate his power to princes, *soit que* *puissance, f.* or withdraw it to himself, and only leave them *retirer, v.*

their own weaknes ; he teaches them their duty in a sovereign manner. --- *Whether* you speak or *de, p.*

(hold your tongue,) you will obtain nothing from *se taire, v.*

me ; but whatever you may say, speak *so that* you may never offend any one. --- Your brother told me *personne.*

he was young, and was\* but twenty years old when he was made a captain ; I think he was better in- *plus*

\* See the remark after the verb *être*, to be, page 133.



formed and had more experience than you have. - - -  
*instruit*

I can assure you, *that* both our officers and soldiers  
 have behaved nobly, and performed prodigies of  
*valour, though* the enemies were superior in num-  
*faire*  
 ber, and had the advantage of the ground.  
*terrein.*

It is here necessary to observe, that verbs denoting  
*wish, will, command, desire, doubt, fear, ignorance, entreaty,*  
*persuasion, preclusion, surprise, &c.* always require the  
 conjunction *que* after them, with the following verb in the  
*subjunctive mood.*

In short, in those *dispositions* of mind where the will  
 is chiefly concerned, or whenever we express a thing  
 with some degree of *doubt* or *hesitation*, then the verb,  
 which, in English, is put in the infinitive mood, the par-  
 ticiple active, or the future tense, must, in French, be  
 put in the subjunctive mood : ex.

<i>Croyez-vous qu'il-soit hon- nête ?</i>	Do you believe him to be honest ?
<i>Je doute que vous le fassiez,</i>	I doubt of your doing it.
<i>Je ne crois pas qu'elle viene,</i>	I do not believe she will come.

See *Falloir*, and the rules after it, page 316.

*Pay the utmost attention to the*

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS AND THE PRECEDING RULES.

You wish him to pay you : he has no money ; I am  
 obliged to lend him some every day. - - - I do not  
*de*  
 think that true philosophy may be less useful to  
 women than men ; but I remark, *that* the most  
*remarque, v.*  
 part of those who meddle *(with it)* are but  
*se mêler, v.* *en*  
 very bad philosophers, without becoming better  
 wives for it. - - I do not believe that your mother will

arrive to-day. - - - She wishes you may **succeed**  
 in all your undertakings. - - - I fear\* <sup>*pouvoir, v.*</sup> she (will go  
 away) without speaking to me. - - I much fear he <sup>*craindre, v.*</sup> <sup>*s'en al-*</sup>  
*ler, v.*  
 will come sooner than you expect him. - - - Do  
<sup>*attendre, v.*</sup>  
 you not say you are surprised that William has not  
<sup>*Guillaume*</sup>  
 spoken to you (ever since) last week. - - For my part,  
<sup>*depuis*</sup> <sup>*Quant à moi,*</sup>  
 I am not surprised at it, for he is always pouting.  
<sup>*bouder, v.*</sup>  
 - - Do you think he will succeed, and obtain the place  
<sup>*croire, v.*</sup>  
 he aims at? - - You have had much trouble, and we  
<sup>*aspirer, v.*</sup> <sup>*peine*</sup>  
 all fear lest hereafter she should give you much  
 (pres. of subj.)  
 more. - - If you believe him to be your friend, why  
 then do not you follow his advice? - - It is necessary  
 for you to go thither, and assure him, that I am very  
<sup>*que*</sup>  
 thankful for all his kindness. - - - I wonder that  
<sup>*reconnoissant de*</sup>  
 Mr. R. has not yet asked your sister in marriage. - - -  
 If you see her and she speaks to you, do not answer  
 her. - - Order her to do it. - - Do you imagine  
<sup>*Dire, v.*</sup> <sup>*s'imaginer, v.*</sup>  
 we are sure they will come to-night? - - - Do you  
 think it is possible for you to (bring it about?)  
<sup>*croire, v.*</sup> <sup>*de en venir à bout, v.*</sup>  
 - - It is just we should suffer, since we deserve it. - -  
 I do not say I have seen it. - - He (was afraid) lest  
<sup>*craindre, v.*</sup> <sup>*que*</sup>  
 you should come while he was (gone out). - - -  
<sup>*sortir, v.*</sup>

\* The verbs *craindre* and *appréhender* when attended with no negation, require that *ne* should be placed before the verb which follows: ex. *Je crains qu'il ne meure*, I fear he will die.

Our master has ordered, that we should (get up) to-  
*se lever*  
 morrow morning early. -- You did not think that she  
 (wanted to) deceive you, when she told you that.  
*vouloir, v.*

- I wonder *être surpris, v.* you should doubt, that it is your  
*ce*  
 daughter who told it me. -- - Do you think my mother  
 will let us go to the ball next week? -- Were Mr. S.  
 discreet and willing to undertake that affair, I  
 would communicate it to him immediately. -- It  
*sur le champ*  
 will be better for you to go and speak to him your-  
 self while he is in town, because I do not doubt\* of  
 his undertaking it. -- Were I certain that you would  
*ne with the subj. pres.*

speak to him about it, I would desire him to come  
*prier de*  
 and dine with us to-morrow; for I (am to) see him to-  
*ce*  
 night at his brother's. -- I am certain that he will  
 satisfy you: are you certain he will satisfy me? --  
 Your uncle is very glad you have written to your  
 father. -- I will give you no rest unless you are re-

conciled with your mother. -- I do not believe it is  
*que ne*  
 she who has done it. -- Do you believe it? -- My  
 brother is not well, and I doubt (very much) of  
*fort,*  
 his coming to see us before next spring. -- -  
 Do you think he is on the road? -- - I doubt  
*en, p. en route?*  
 whether he will come before next week. -- -

*suivant, adj.*  
 I did not know you had studied geography so long.

\* After the verbs *Douter* and *Nier*, when these verbs are attended  
 with a negation. *ne* is employed with the verb which follows: ex.

*Je ne nie pas que cela ne soit,* I do not deny that it is so.

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<i>Je veux que vous me mon-</i>	<i>You shall show me that</i>
<i>triez cette lettre,</i>	<i>letter, that is to say, I</i>
	<i>choose you should show,</i>
	<i>&amp;c.</i>
<i>Voulez-vous que je danse?</i>	<i>Shall I dance? that is, do</i>
	<i>you choose, &amp;c.</i>

#### EXERCISE UPON THIS RULE.

*You would* have your daughter return *to-*  
*vouloir, v.* *revenir, v.*

morrow, but that is impossible. - - - I will have your father know what you have done: you must stay  
*rester, v.*

here till he comes. - - - Your mother would have you come directly: why do you not come, then? - - - I absolutely intend that she shall go thither  
*vouloir, v.*

directly, and tell him, that, whether he be ill or  
*se porter*

well, I will have him set out as soon as he has received my letter. - - - I will have you see my house, and tell me what you think of it. - - - She shall not go  
*penser, v.*

into the country, unless I go with her. - - My father would have me and my brother walk all the  
*faire à pied, v.*

way. - - Your sister shall go with me to Croydon, and  
*chemin, m.*

not you. - - Your father will have you go to France in a month; I am very glad of it; however, I would

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<i>puisse se voir,</i>	man <i>that</i> can be seen.
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<i>que je connoisse,</i>	<i>that</i> I know.
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<i>belle,</i>	handsome:

that is, I will not have any woman for a wife, but *on condition* she be handsome.

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Do you say you are surprised, that he has not

yet written to you ? I assure you it is not to be won-  
 dered at ; for, he is the most negligent man I know. *s'élonner*  
 - - - It is necessary for you to go thither. and assure  
 him that he has *que* done nothing that should *devoir, v.*  
 (make<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> angry<sup>3</sup>). - - - He is the most charitable man  
*fâcher, v.*  
 we have in the neighbourhood ; his purse is open  
 to the poorest men he can find. - - - Did  
 you not tell me you (sought for) a master who had  
*chercher, v.*  
 a good pronounciation, and was endowed with (a  
*doué de*  
 great deal) of patience ? - - When a father is capable  
 of teaching his children, he is the best master whom  
 they can have. - - I know nobody that improves  
*faire des progrès*  
 more than Miss K— ; and when she was learning  
 French, had she learned it by rules, she would speak,  
*le*  
 write and translate now much better than Miss S— ,  
 though she was two years in France. - - Has not your  
 brother some friends whom he can trust ? - - Your  
*se fier à, v.*  
 father has bought the finest horse that I have ever  
 seen. - - Is there any lady that appears more reasonable  
 than she does ? - - If you ever choose a friend, I wish  
*ou*  
 you may choose one whom you esteem, and who  
 may be an honest man. - - It (will be better for) you to  
*valoir mieux*  
 go and speak to him yourself, instead of writing to  
 him, because I do not doubt of his undertaking and  
 (bringing about) your affair ; he is the most diligent  
*venir à bout de*  
 and the most careful man we have in this country. - - -  
 Before you begin any thing of importance, consult



somebody who is your friend, and on whom you can rely. - - - Do you know any body who goes to *faire fond*, v.

France? - - I have something to send to my sister. - -

If you do not follow my advice, believe me, it will be the greatest misfortune that can happen to you.

- - Babylon was the finest city that ever was built. - - -

The best reason I can *pouvoir*, v. give you is, that I

(was not) well. - - If you lend me a horse, lend me *se porter*, v.

one that goes well. - - - The God who has created us, and who created the universe, is the only *seul*, adj. one

to whom we owe homage, and the only one whom we (ought to) fear.

## SECT. IX.

### OF INTERJECTIONS.

Interjections, as before observed, serve to express the sudden emotions of the soul.

There are several sorts, viz.

Of joy, grief, pain, admiration, aversion, silence, calling, encouraging, warning, &c. such as,

*Allons, gai !* come, be cheerful.

*ça courage !* come, come on !

*Bon !* good !

*Ah, mon Dieu !* oh, my God !

*Ah, ovidà !* ay, marry !

*Ha, quelle joie !* O, joy !

*ô ciel !* O Heaven !

*Fi, fi !* fy upon, shame !

*Holà. ho !* ho there !

*Hélas !* alas !

*Malheur à !* wo to !

*Miséricorde !* bless me !

*Prenez garde, gare !* have a care !

*Pair, chut, st !* hist, hush !

*Silence !* silence !

Come, friends, let us rejoice ! - - - Good ! here are  
*se réjouir, v.*

news for you, brother ! - - - Fy, fy ! Robert, you do  
not think of what you say. - - Oh ! how<sup>1</sup> lovely<sup>2</sup> a<sup>3</sup>

*penser, v.* à *que*  
virtue<sup>3</sup> is<sup>3</sup> modesty<sup>2</sup> ! Why do you not endeavour to  
*s'efforcer, v. de*

acquire it ? - - - Alas ! who can express the torments  
I suffer here ! - - - Man without religion, never  
having his heart or mind at peace, can, alas !

*esprit, m.* *en, p.*  
be *but* a very unhappy creature. - - - Wo to you !  
usurers, misers, unjust possessors of (other people's)  
*usurier, m. avare, m.* *autrui, pro.*

goods, hearken to these words : The treasures  
*bien, m.* *écouter, v.* *parole, f.*

of iniquity (will be of no service) to you. - - O  
*ne servir de rien*

(lazy people,) go to the ant ; consider what she  
 *paresseux* *fourmi, f.*

does, and learn from her, wisdom and industry. - -  
Bless me ! I am undone ! - - Hush there ! silence !

*perdu, p. p.*  
- - Oh ! the dismal effects which laziness pro-  
*funeste, adj.*

duces ! - - How<sup>1</sup> tremendous<sup>2</sup> an<sup>2</sup> office<sup>3</sup> is<sup>7</sup> that  
*Que terrible, adj.* *le* *en*

of<sup>1</sup> a<sup>5</sup> judge<sup>6</sup> ! What wisdom, what integrity, what  
knowledge, what sagacity of mind, what experience  
*science, f.*

(are required !)  
*ne faut-il pas avoir, v.*

## REMARKS AND EXERCISES ON THE WORDS

*de, à, and pour.*

Having, in this manner, gone through the respective  
parts of speech, there will be no occasion for a syntax.

it will, however, be necessary to give some rules for ascertaining the proper use of the particle *de* or *à*, and the preposition *pour*, before a verb in the infinitive mood, and then to point out, by way of exercise, some idiomatical expressions that most frequently occur in the French tongue.\*

When two verbs come together in a sentence, the latter, having no subject expressed nor understood, must be put in the infinitive mood, whether the English sign *to*, be prefixed or not.

In the following cases, the infinitive mood must never be preceded by a particle.

FIRST, when the verb in the infinitive stands nominative to another verb : ex.

*Aimer est un verbe,*                      *To love is a verb.*

SECONDLY, after the following verbs, *aller, croire, devoir, faire, il faut, savoir, valoir, mieux, venir, pouvoir, oser, vouloir*, and *penser* when rendered by *to be like or near*.

#### EXERCISE ON THIS RULE.

To know how to give seasonably, is a talent every  
 body has not. - - - To be able to live with one's self,  
 and to know how to live with others, are the two  
 great sciences of life. - - I had rather do it  
 now than later. - - - Why dare you not undertake it?  
 I think you might succeed. - - - He says he will lend  
 you his gun with all his heart, because you know  
 how to make use of it. - - Aristotle, though he was  
 so great a philosopher, was never able to penetrate the  
 cause of that prodigy. - - Tell him that he may set

\* The great number of idiomatical expressions in the French language has long been considered as an almost insuperable difficulty in the way of its easy acquirement ; however, this difficulty is daily decreasing ; these peculiar expressions are now giving way to a regular construction, and are very little used by the best writers.

deserve to be encouraged, who undertake to serve  
*mériter, v.\**

the public? -- We are all glad to hear you have overcome your enemies: we should have been sorry to have heard the contrary. -- What a fool<sup>3</sup> you<sup>1</sup> are<sup>3</sup>

*apprendre, ∞*  
to grieve so, when you have so much reason to  
*s'affliger, v.*

rejoice! --- Never endeavour to speak French unless you have a good pronounciation. -- I shall never refuse to do you a service (as long as) it is in my power  
*vendre, v. ∞*

--- Have you a mind to do what you have pro-  
*∞ envie,*  
mised me? --- I cannot give you the book you asked me for, my brother has not (thought fit) to send  
*∞ juger à propos, v.*

it me back again. -- I desired you to bring your sister with you; why did you not?† -- I forbid  
*défendre, v.*

you to speak or write to him (any more.) -- Would  
*d'avantage, adv.*

you not be very glad to read and speak Italian? ---  
--- Condemn the opinion of no one hastily, but endeavour to regulate your own by the line of  
*s'efforcer, v.*

truth. -- Who can hinder me from speaking or  
*vérité, f. empêcher, v.*

writing to her? -- (Give<sup>1</sup> me<sup>2</sup> leave<sup>1</sup>) to tell you, that  
*Permettre, v.*

you do very wrong to disoblige your aunt. --- He  
*mal, adv.*

(was not contented) to demolish the temple and pull  
*s'contenter, v. à*

down the statues, but, &c. -- Is there (any thing)  
*battre, v. rien*

more glorious than to change anger into friendship?

\* See the rule, page 116.

† Do it is understood, and must be expressed in French.

-- (I long) to see your mother, and tell her all  
*Il me tarde, v.*  
 that I think (about it.)  
*en, pro.*

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The particle *à* is to be placed before a verb in the infinitive mood : *First*, after the auxiliary verb, *avoir*, to have, immediately followed by a substantive or an adverb, expressing a futurity in the action : ex.

*J'ai plusieurs lettres à écrire*, I have many letters to write.

*Secondly*, after nouns substantive joined to the verb *avoir*, or nouns adjective joined to the verb *être*, signifying to be addicted, apt, bent, diligent, disposed, dreadful, easy, fit, hard, inclined, quick, ready, subject, used, &c.

*Thirdly*, after the following adjectives, *admirable*, *good*, *dexterous*, *handsome*, *scarce*, the *last*, the *first*, the *second*. &c.

And, *lastly*, after the following verbs, *to amuse*, *to aspire* or *aim at*, *to begin*, *to condemn*, *to continue* or *go on*, *to compel* or *force*, *to design* or *destine*, *to dispose*, *to employ* or *spend*, *to encourage*, *to engage*, *to excite*, *to exhort*, *to help*, *to induce*, *to invite*, *to learn*, *to please*, *to serve*, *to take a pleasure* or *delight in* or *to*, *to teach*, *to think*, &c.

#### EXERCISE ON THE PRECEDING VERBS.

Come hither, Paul, I have something to communicate to you. -- We have much to fear in our present situation, and a (great many) hazards to run. -- I cannot go to the play to-night; for, I have five or six visits to pay. --- Is there any thing pleasanter  
*rendre, v.* *agréable*

to behold than the flux and reflux of the sea? --- We  
*voir*

(ought to) learn how to subdue our passions,  
*subjuguer, v.*

conquer our desires, and suffer patiently the most cruel misfortunes. --- She is always the first to  
*disgrâce, f.*

(find fault with) what I do. -- Do not gather  
*trouver à redire à*

that apple, it is not yet good to eat. - - - Mr. N. told me you had a country-house to let. - - - Mr. F. is a

*louer, v.*

very agreeable man, always ready to serve his friends ; but he has the misfortune to be inclined to gaming.

*adonné jeu, m.*

- - - Your master does not love you, because you are not diligent in learning your lesson. - - - We had for a long time nothing to eat but the fruits which we had gathered - - - The greatest part of men spend their time either in doing nothing, or doing what they ought not to do. - - - What you say of her is very hard to believe. - - -

*difficile, adj.*

Tell him, I have no complaint to make about his conduct. - - - Why do you oblige her to ask my pardon,

*de*

*me, pro.*

since she is not inclined to do it herself? - - - I believe she takes a delight in tormenting me. - - Life is so short, that we should employ all our days in preparing ourselves for the other world. - - There is no more danger to fear. - - - Use yourself, said a father to his son, to

*S'accoutumer, v.*

practise virtue : that alone will help you to bear with

*supporter, v.*

patience all the vicissitudes of fortune. - - - Never amuse yourself in reading bad books. - - You can never spend

*passer, v.*

your time better than in reading and studying the history of your own country. - - Learn to speak well ; but, above

all, to speak truth. - - That science which teaches us to

*dire, v.*

see things as they are, is highly worthy of cultivation

*bien*

- - - An honest man always takes pleasure in obliging his friends. - - - Does your master teach you how to

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translate English into French? - - - Do you begin to translate<sup>2</sup> French<sup>3</sup> well<sup>1</sup>? - - Why did you not oblige him to pay you what he owes you? - - - Why do you not (get ready) to set out with us? - - - I love to  
*s'apprêter, v.*

discourse with polite and sensible people.  
*s'entretenir, v.* *sensé*

N. B. For the sake of euphony, the following verbs, *to begin, to continue, to constrain, to engage, to exhort, to compel, or force, to endeavour, to oblige*, may be succeeded by *de, or à*, as most convenient.

The preposition *pour* is to be used before a verb in the infinitive mood, when it expresses the *cause*, the *design*, or the *end*, and then the English particle *to* may be expressed by *in order to, to the end, or for to*. This preposition is also used after the adverbs, *enough, on purpose, too, too much, or less*; and before an infinitive in the beginning of a period.

#### EXERCISE ON THESE RULES.

I will do (every thing) in my power to please him. - - Good rules are useless, if the attention, industry, and  
*assiduité,*

patience of the scholar be not put into practice to learn them. - - Mrs. B. has (too much) pride to confess she (is in the wrong.) - - To understand<sup>2</sup> geography<sup>3</sup> well<sup>1</sup>,  
*avoir tort*

we must, &c. - - I assure you that I came (on purpose)  
*on* *exprès*

to see you. - - - She will do all that is in her power to oblige you, and prove to you that she is truly your friend. - - The wicked live to die, but the righteous die to live. - - - She has vanity enough to believe all you tell her. - - What makes the misfortunes of kings, is not to have friends bold enough to tell them the truth. - - - I wrote to you some time ago, to let  
*faire, v.*

you know that your brothers were arrived. - - - He promised me, that he would do (every thing) to deserve the honour of your protection. - - - I sent yesterday my servant to your aunt's, to desire her to send<sup>2</sup> me<sup>1</sup> back<sup>2</sup> again<sup>2</sup> the book I lent her a month ago, but she was not at home. - - - We did all that we could

*faire, v.*  
to pass the river, but could not (accomplish it.) - - - To  
*en venir à bout.*

convince you that I am ready to do you any service, (be so kind as) to command me. - - - Why did you not *avoir la bonté, v.*

punish her for having done what you forbade her to do? - - - A man should live a century at least to know  
*devoir* *connoître*

the world, and many other centuries to (know how to)  
*savoir,*

make a proper use of that knowledge.  
*convenable*

## SECT. X.

### OF IDIOMATICAL EXPRESSIONS.

#### ON THE VERB *AVOIR*, TO HAVE, &c.

<i>Avoir mal à la tête,</i>	{ to have the head-ache, or a pain in the head.
<i>Avoir mal aux oreilles,</i>	{ to have sore ears, or a pain in the ears.
<i>Avoir mal aux yeux,</i>	{ to have sore eyes, or a pain in the eyes.
<i>Avoir mal au nez,</i>	{ to have a sore nose, or a pain in the nose.
<i>Avoir mal à la bouche,</i>	{ to have a sore mouth, or a pain in the mouth.
<i>Avoir mal aux dents, &amp;c.</i>	to have the tooth-ache.

We say, after the same manner, *Avoir froid aux mains,*  
*aux pieds, &c.* to be cold in one's hands, &c. ex.



*J'ai froid à la tête, aux mains, et aux pieds,* My head, my hands, and my feet, are cold.

*Avoir beau,* to be in vain : ex.

*Vous avez beau parler,* It is in vain for you to talk

*Avoir beaucoup de peine,* To have much ado.

*Avoir de la peine à,* to have difficulty in : ex.

*J'ai de la peine à vous croire,* I can hardly believe you.

*Avoir besoin de,* to want, to have occasion for.

*Avoir la bonté de, (daigner,)* to be so kind as.

*Avoir connoissance, avis de,* to have notice of.

*Avoir cours,* to take, to be in vogue.

*Avoir honte,* to be ashamed.

*Avoir la mine de,* to be like, to look like : ex.

*Vous avez la mine d'être intelligent,* You look like a man of understanding.

*Avoir pitié de,* to pity.

*Avoir part au gâteau,* to share in the booty.

*Avoir bonne mine :* ex.

*Vous avez très-bonne mine aujourd'hui,* } You look very well to-day.

*Avoir plus de peur que de mal,* to be more afraid than hurt.

*Avoir raison de,* to be in the right to.

*Avoir soin,* to take care.

*Avoir tort de,* to be in the wrong to.

*N'avoir que faire de,* { to have no occasion or business of or for.

*N'avoir garde de, or* { are expressed by { to be sure not to, Se garder bien de, } or by no means.

*Aller son train,* to go one's own way.

*Aller trouver quelqu'un,* to go to somebody.

*Venir trouver,* to come to.

#### EXERCISES ON THE PRECEDING RULES.

I could not call upon him this morning, because I had a pain in my head. - - - My brother would have come with me, but he has a sore leg, and is obliged to keep his bed. - - - I heard your mother had the *garder le*

*tooth-ache* : is it true ? No, madam, but she has a pain in her side, which prevents her from (going *empêcher*

out.) - - - I have not yet finished my exercise ;

for my hands were so cold, that I could not write a single word ; besides, I *had much ado* to find my books. I did not know where (to look for) them. - - - *It will be in vain for you to write to me* : I never will answer you. - - - I *can hardly* believe what you tell me. - - - *It is in vain for me to speak to her* : she still goes her own way. - - - Miss N. cried very much yesterday, but I think she *was more afraid than hurt*. - - *It has been in vain for him to torment your sister* : she never would tell him what happened to her when she was at Mr. P.'s. - - - Go to him, and tell him that, unless he returns me my books in a very short time, I will desire <sup>un peu</sup> his father to send them to me : when you have told him that, do not (wait for) his answer : *come to me immediately* ; I shall be at your mother's, where I (am to) dine, and thence go to the play with the<sup>2</sup> whole<sup>1</sup> family. - - - *In vain* I give myself trouble : I am not the richer for it. - - - Your sister does not *look so well* to-day as she did yesterday. - - - *Am I not in the right* to go there no more ? - - - I *will take care* to prevent them from coming hither. - - - Believe me, I have long suspected them, and now I am very certain that both your cousins and they *have had a share in the booty*. - - - *We should often be ashamed* of our finest actions, if the world knew all the motives which produce them. - - - *You are in the wrong* not to (ask for) his horse : he would lend it to you. - - Why should I borrow his horse, when I have one (of my own ?) - - - I *have no occasion for* <sup>à moi</sup> his. - - - *Be so kind as to* carry that letter to Mr. H.'s ; but *be sure not to* tell him who sent you. - - - I hope

you will *by no means* go there again after what has happened to you. - - - He was so altered, that she *had much ado* to recollect him ; but he now begins *to look very*

*remettre*  
well - - - Somebody having advised Philip, Alexander's father, to banish from his states a man who had spoken ill of him : I *shall by no means do it*, answered he, he would go every where and speak ill of me.

### ON *ETRE*, TO BE.

*Etre* { *à son aise,*  
          *en bonne passe,*  
          *bien dans ses affaires,* } to be in good circumstances.

*Etre bien auprès de quelqu'un,* { to be in favour with some one.

*Etre mal avec quelqu'un,* { to be out of favour with some one.

*Etre à charge à quelqu'un,* { to be chargeable, troublesome, or a burden to some one.

*Etre but à but,* to be equal.

*Etre à moitié,* to go halves.

*Etre à la portée du fusil, du canon,* { to be within musket shot, gun-shot.

*Etre à la portée de la voix,* to be within call.

*Etre* { *à la veille de,*  
          *sur le point de,* } to be upon the brink, or very near to.

*Etre en état de,*  
*Avoir le moyen de,* } to be able to afford.

#### EXERCISE ON THE PRECEDING IDIOMS.

Your brother is *in good circumstances* now. - - - Somebody told me he *was in favour with* the king. - - - Yes, it is true, but *he is out of favour with* my father, because *he is troublesome* to the family. - - - Well, Mr. *Eh bien,*  
R. and he *are equals*. - - - I thought Mr. A. and Mrs. D. *went halves* in that affair, but I heard the contrary.

- - - Suffer me to tell you, you do very wrong to treat  
*permettre*,  
 her as you do : you undoubtedly must have forgotten  
 she is in the queen's *favours*. - - - Well, though she *be* in  
 the queen's *favours*, do you imagine I am not to tell her  
 what I think of her conduct ? - - - The two fleets *were*  
*within* gun-shot, and *very* near beginning the engagement,  
*combat, m.*  
 when we left them. - - - *We will be within call.* - - -  
 Why do you not take a coach now and then ? said she  
 to me. I would willingly take one sometimes, replied I  
 to her, but I cannot afford it.

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ON *FAIRE*, TO MAKE, OR DO.

*Faire cas de*, to value, to esteem.

*Faire un tour de promenade*, to take a walk.

*Faire le malade*, to sham sickness.

*Faire l'école buissonnière*, to play truant.

*Faire beaucoup de chemin*, to go a great way.

*Faire le bel esprit*, to set up for a wit.

*Faire fond sur quelqu'un*, to rely upon one.

*Faire savoir*, (*envoyer dire*,)  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{to let one know, to inform,} \\ \text{to send word.} \end{array} \right.$

*Faire voile*, or  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{to set sail.} \end{array} \right.$

*Faire faire*, to bespeak, to get made, to oblige one to do.

*Faire de son mieux*, to do one's best.

*Faire semblant*, to pretend.

*Faire de son pis*, to do one's worst.

*Ne faire que de*, to be just, or

*Venir de*, to have but just : ex.

*Il ne fait que d'arriver*, He is but just arrived.

*Ne faire que*, to do nothing but.

*Se faire des amis, des ennemis*, to get friends, enemies.

*Se faire des affaires*, to bring one's self into trouble.

*S'en faire accroire*,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{to be conceited, to have a good} \\ \text{opinion of one's self.} \end{array} \right.$

*C'en est fait de moi*, I am undone, it is over with me.

*C'en étoit fait de lui*, he was undone, it was over with him.

*C'en sera fait d'elle,* { she will be undone, it will be over  
with her.

*C'en seroit fait de nous,* { we should be undone, it would  
be over with us.

The English verb *to cause*, preceding the verb *to be*, immediately followed by a participle passive, is rendered in French, by the verb *faire*, and then the verb *to be* is not expressed, but the participle passive is turned into the infinitive mood : ex.

*Il lui fit couper la tête,* He caused his head to be cut off.

#### EXERCISE ON THE PRECEDING IDIOMS.

Do not lose that ring, for I *value* it much ; it is a particular friend of yours who gave it me. - - - I would go and *take a walk*, if I were well. - - - Do you not *sham sickness* now and then ? - - - Did not your brother *play truant* last week ? - - - That man *goes a great way* for a trifle. - - - Mr. P. *sets up for a wit*, wherever he goes. You may *rely upon* what I tell you. - - - He succeeds better *in being conceited*, than *in giving* others a good opinion of himself. - - - I begin to be (very much) satisfied with his brother, who now *does his best*, and will soon be able to write a French letter to his father. - - - *Let me know* whether he will pay you or not. - - - *We shall set sail* about the fifteenth of next month. - - - Why did not you *bespeak* three or four pairs of shoes more ? - - - *Send word to your* brother, or *let him know*, that there is a letter for him here. - - - I will give him an exercise, and *oblige him to do* it in my presence. - - - She told me if she *were obliged to do* it, she *would do her worst*. - - - She *pretends not to* listen, but I assure you she does not lose a word of what you say. - - - We were *but just* (come in) when it began

to rain. - - - It would have been something to us, could the enemy have known what passed in our camp. - - - You do nothing but play, from morning till night. - - - That young lady will get friends every where. - - - If you do not take care, you will bring yourself into trouble. - - - Permit me to tell you, that they are too much conceited.

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- - - Your brother is undone, if his master comes to know of it. - - - The king caused them to be put to prison. - - - He caused a superb palace to be built.

#### ON DIFFERENT VERBS.

*Aimer mieux*, to have rather, to choose rather.

*Se donner bien des airs*, to take a great deal upon one's self.

*Il ne faut pas s'étonner*, it is no wonder.

*Il me tarde de*, I long to.

*Penser*, to be like. (Followed by a verb in the infinitive mood.)

*S'en prendre à*, { to lay the fault or blame upon one, to  
look to one for.

*S'y bien prendre*, or { to go the right way to

*S'y prendre de la bonne façon*, { work.

*S'y prendre mal*, to go the wrong way to work.

*S'y prendre tout autrement*, { to go quite a different, or  
another way to work.

*Prendre en mauvaise part*, to take amiss.

*Venir à bout de*, to bring about, to accomplish.

#### EXERCISE ON THE PRECEDING IDIOMS.

I choose rather, to (set out) now than later. - - - She told me she had rather speak to any other person than to Mr. L. - - - They had rather have had you stay in  
que, subj.

Italy two or three years longer. - - - Do not you think  
de plus

Mrs. H. takes a great deal upon herself? - - - It is no wonder that I do not speak French so well as you; you have been several years in France, and I never was there.

--- I hope your brother will succeed in his undertaking ; for, he *goes the right way to work*, and I am certain that he *will bring it about*. --- Your cousin, on the contrary, will always be poor ; for, he *goes the wrong way to work* in (every thing) he undertakes. --- She *longs to see* your father, and tell him you behaved well all the time of his absence. --- I *had like* (to have <sup>être,</sup> been) killed in coming here. --- If he lose, he *will lay the blame upon you*. --- Why do you *lay the blame upon her* ? she was not even in the room when that happened. --- Should not your sister succeed, whom *would she lay the fault upon* ? --- You say you *long to speak French* ; and I too, I assure you. --- I *long to tell you something* ; nevertheless, I do not know how to communicate it to you, for fear of disobliging you. --- When you have a mind to tell me something disagreeable, you should *go quite a different way to work*. --- I beg of you not to *take amiss* what I tell you. ---  
*prier, ∞*  
 Do not begin a thing unless you are sure *to bring it about*.  
*de*

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### ON DIFFERENT VERBS.

*Se passer de*, to do, to live without, or to be easy without.

*Savoir bon gré*, to take kindly of.

*Trouver mauvais que*, to take ill if.\*

*Trouver à redire à*, to find fault with.

*Tenir maison*, to be a house-keeper.

*Tenir boutique*, to be a shop-keeper.

*Tenir parole*, to keep one's word.

*Ne tenir qu'à* { to be in a person's power.  
 { to lie in a person's power : ex.

\* With the following verb in the subjunctive.

*Il ne tient qu'à, moi, à vous, à lui, à elle, &c.* It is in my, your, his, her power, &c.

*Il ne tient pas à moi, à vous, &c. que,* It is not my, your, fault, &c if.\*

*S'en tenir à,* to stand to.

*Vouloir du bien à,* to wish one well.

*En vouloir à,* to have a spite against.

*Je souhaiterois pouvoir,* I wish I could.

*Il y va, il y alloit, de votre vie,* your life is, was, at stake.

*Il y va, il y alloit, de mon honneur,* { my honour is, was concerned in it.

*Je ne laisse pas de,* nevertheless, or for all that, I.

#### EXERCISE ON THE PRECEDING IDIOMS.

When I have wine, I drink some ; but when I have none, I am easy without it. - - - If you will be so kind as to write to my father, to let him know my situation, I shall take it kindly of you, and promise you never to find fault with what you may recommend to me. - - - I wish I could do you that service ; I would do it with all my heart. - - - I hope you will not take it ill, if I write to

your uncle (at the) same time. - - - I shall stand to  
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what you say. - - - He has been a house-keeper these five and twenty years. - - - He might have succeeded much better than he has done, had he followed his uncle's advice and mine ; but he never was satisfied, and was continually finding fault with what we were telling him. - - -

However little you send him at present, he will take it kindly of you. - - - It is in her power to live in the coun-  
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try, and be very happy there. - - - It will soon lie in your power to make us happy. - - - I assure you it shall not be  
de

my fault, if you do not succeed ; for I wish you well. - - -

Since it lies in your power to recommend Mr. P. to your  
de

friend, why do you not do it ? - - - When you see him,

\* With the following verb in the subjunctive, and *ne* before it.



you may assure him, that, since it is in *my power* to do it, I will not forget him. - - - You have a *spite against my* brother ; because *it was in his power*, two or three times to oblige you, and he never would. - - - I wish I could persuade you how sorry he was for it ; but his honour *was concerned* in not doing it ; and, though you be

*de* very angry with him, he *would, nevertheless*, (or, *for all that*;) do you service if it were in *his power*. - - - Had I thought he would have refused me that favour, I never would have asked it (of him ;) I might very well *have*

*lui* done without it. - - - You ought to have thanked him for that attention, instead of being angry with him ; but

*de* when your sisters heard that you could not obtain his leave, *they took it amiss*, and have (ever since) *had a spite*

*contre* against him. - - - When they told me (of it,) I would most

*le* willingly have represented to them (how much) they were in the wrong : but I would *by no means* do it ; for I know it is in *their power* to do me (a great deal) of harm, and I do not wish to *get enemies*. - - - Every body admires her humanity ; for, though he has behaved in so ungrate-

*de* ful a manner towards her, she would, *nevertheless*, have done him service, if he had lived.

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## GENERAL AND PROMISCUOUS EXERCISES.

### OF THE UNDERSTANDING OF LANGUAGES.

The understanding of languages serves (for *ea*) in-  
*intelligence, f.* *de* troduction to all the sciences. By it we come with  
*parvenir, v.* very little trouble at the knowledge of (a great  
*peine*

many) fine things, which have cost those who invented them (a great deal) of pains. By it all times and countries lie open to us. By it *siècle, m.* *pays* *être, v.* we become, in some measure, contemporary to all ages, and inhabitants of all kingdoms. It (enables) us to converse with the most learned men of all antiquity, who seem to have lived and laboured for us. We find (in them) many masters, whom (we are allowed) to consult at leisure; many friends who are always at hand, and whose useful and agreeable conversation improves the mind. It informs us of a thousand curious subjects, and teaches us equally (how to derive an advantage) of the virtues and vices of mankind. Without the assistance of languages, all these oracles are dumb to us, and all these treasures (locked up;) and for want of having the key, which alone can open us the door (to them,) we remain poor (in the) midst of (so many) riches, and ignorant in the midst of all the sciences.

### OF STUDY.

We (come into the world) surrounded with a cloud of ignorance, which is increased by the false prejudices of a bad education. By study, the former

\* See the observation on the preposition *with*, page 379

is dispersed, and the latter corrected. It gives proportion and exactness to our thoughts and reasoning ; instructs how to range in due order what-  
*justesse, f.*

ever we have to speak or write ; and presents us with  
*convenable*  
*dire, v.*

the brightest sages of antiquity as patterns for our  
*modèle, m.*

conduct ; those sages, in this sense, we may call, with Seneca, the masters, and teachers of mankind. But  
*Sénèque précepteur, m.*

the usefulness of study is not confined to what we  
*borner, v.*

call science ; it renders us also more fit for business and employment ; besides, though this study  
*de plus, adv. quand, c.*

were of no other use but (the acquiring) a habit of  
*de \**

labour, (the softening) the pains of it, (the procuring) a steadiness of mind and (conquering)  
*\* fermeté, f. \**

our aversion to application or a sedentary life, or whatever else seems (to lay a restraint upon) us, it  
*assujettir, v.*

would still be of very great advantage. In reality, it draws us off from idleness, play, and debauchery.  
*retirer, v. \**

It usefully (fills up) the vacant hours of the day, and renders very agreeable that leisure, which, without the assistance of literature, is a kind of death, and, in a  
*espèce, f.*

manner, the grave of a man while he is alive. It enables us to pass a right judgment upon other men's

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\* These participles active are to be rendered in French by the infinitive, and the conjunction and preposition should be repeated before each.

† Repeat this same preposition before each verb.

labours, to enter into society with men of understanding,  
to keep <sup>en</sup> the best company, to <sup>esprit</sup> (have a share in)  
<sup>fréquenter, v.</sup> <sup>prendre part à</sup>  
the discourses of the most learned, to furnish out matter  
for conversation, without which we must be silent ; to  
<sup>quoi</sup>  
render it more agreeable and more useful, by intermix-  
ing facts with reflections, and setting the one by the  
<sup>relever, v.</sup>  
other.

## SECT. XI.

### SCHEME <sup>or</sup> FOR PARSING A SENTENCE.

As it is very essential to the thorough learning of a language, not to mistake one part of speech for another, we finish this grammar by giving a classical and methodical scheme for parsing a sentence. The examples, with very little change, may suit any language.

**Article.** *Questions :* Is it definite, partitive, or indefinite ? What gender ? What number ?

*Examples.* *Le pouvoir du roi ; the power of the king : la liberté des hommes ; the liberty of men : J'ai du pain, de la viande, des pommes ; I have bread, meat, apples : La sœur de Pierre ; Peter's sister.*

*Application.* *Le*, definite art. m.—*du*, contraction of *de le*, genitive defi. art. m.—*La*, definite art. f.—*des* contraction of *de les*, genitive defi. art. both genders, pl.—*du*, in the sense of *some*, part. art. m.—*de la*, in the sense of *some*, part. art. f.—*des*, in the sense of *some*, part. art. both genders, pl.—*de*, indefinite art. both genders and numbers geni. and abl.—*à* dat. indef. art.

**Substantive.** *Questions :* What gender ? What number ? If the noun singular, name its plural ; if plural, name its singular.

*Examples.* *Le pouvoir du roi ; la liberté des hommes ; le prix des denrées, the price of provisions.*

*Application.* *Pouvoir*, substantive, m. *pouvoirs* for its pl.—*liberté*, subst. f. *libertés* for its pl.—*Prix*, subst. m. *prix* for its pl.—*Denrées* subst. f. pl. *denrée* for its singular.

**Adjective.** *Questions :* What gender ? What number ? What does it agree with in the sentence ? If it be masculine, name its fem. If it be feminine, name its masc.

*Examples.* Un beau chapeau, a fine hat ; ces femmes sont jolies, those ladies are pretty ; cette fille est orgueilleuse, that girl is proud.

*Application.* Beau, noun adj. m. agrees with chapeau ; it has belle for its feminine.—Jolies, noun adj. f. pl. agrees with femmes ; it has joli for its masculine.—Orgueilleuse, noun adj. f. agrees with fille ; it has orgueilleux for its masculine.

**Pronoun.** *Questions :* Is it personal, conjunctive, possessive, relative, demonstrative, interrogative, or indefinite ? What gender ? What number ? With what does it agree in the sentence ?

*Examples.* Elle a mon livre, she has my book. Cette plume ne vaut rien, this pen is good for nothing. L'homme qui vous parloit, the man who was speaking to you. Il y a plusieurs années, several years ago. Quel homme ? What man ?

*Application.* Elle, pronoun pers. f. agrees with a. Mon. pronoun poss. m. agrees with livre. Cette, pronoun demonstr. f. agrees with plume. Qui, pronoun rel. both genders and numbers, agrees with homme. Plusieurs, pronoun indef. pl. both genders, agrees with années. Quel ? pron. int. m. agrees with homme.

**Verb.** *Questions :* Name its infinitive—its person—its number—its tense—its mode.

*Examples.* Pendant qu'ils étoient ensemble, j'entendis sonner midi ; while they were together, I heard twelve o'clock strike. Quoiqu'il paroisse heureux, n'enviez pas son sort ; though he may appear happy, do not envy his situation.

*Application.* Etoient, from être ; 3d pers. pl. imperf. tense, indic. mood. Entendis, from entendre ; 1st pers. sing. preterite, indicative mood. Paroisse, from paroître, 3d pers. sing. pres. tense, subjunc. mood. Enviez, from envier ; 2d pers. pl. imperat. mood.

**Preposition.** What does it govern in the sentence ?

*Examples.* Avant midi ; sans argent ; before noon ; without money.

*Application.* *Avant*, a preposition, governs *midi* : *Sans*, a preposition, governs *argent*.

*Conjunction.* What mood does it require ? Name the verb it acts upon in the sentence.

*Examples.* *Lorsque* le roi entra, when the king came in. *Quoique* vous soyez riche, though you be rich. *Je lis pour* m'amuser, I read to amuse myself.

*Application.* *Lorsque*, a conjunction, requires the indic. Here it governs *entra*. *Quoique*, a conjunction, requires the subjunc. Here it governs *soyez*. *Pour*, a conjunction, requires the infinitive. Here it governs *amuser*.

Adverbs and interjections. Only name them.

*Examples.* *Ah !* mon ami, agissez *prudemment* ; ah, my friend, act prudently.

*Application.* *Ah* is an interjection.—*Prudemment* is an adverb.

## ABRÉGÉ

## DE LA VERSIFICATION FRANÇOISE.

Les vers, à ne les considérer que sous le rapport de leur mécanisme, sont des paroles arrangées selon certaines règles fixées et déterminées.

Ces règles regardent sur-tout le nombre des syllabes, la césure, la rime, les mots que le vers exclut, les licences qu'il permet, et enfin les différentes manières dont il doit être arrangé dans chaque sorte de Poème.

*Des différentes espèces de Vers François.*

On compte ordinairement cinq sortes de vers françois. C'est par le nombre des syllabes qu'on les distingue.

## 1°. Ceux de douze syllabes, comme :

Dans le ré-duit ob-scur'du-ne al-co-ve en-fon-cée  
S'élè-ve un lit de plu-me à grands frais a-mas'sée ;  
Qua-tre ri-deaux pom-peux, par un dou-ble con-tour,  
En dé-fen-dent l'en-trée à la clar-té du jour.

Ces vers s'appellent *alexandrins, héroïques* au *grands vers*.

## 2°. Ceux de dix syllabes, comme :

Du peu qu'il a le sage est sa-tis-fait.

## 3°. Ceux de huit syllabes, comme :

L'hi-po-cri-te eu frau-des fer-ti-le.  
Dès l'en-fan-ce est pé-tri de fard ;  
Il sait co-lo-rer a-vec art  
Le fiel que sa bou-che dis-tille.

## 4°. Ceux de sept syllabes, comme

Grand Dieu ! vo-tre main ré-clame  
Les dons que j'en ai re-çus.  
El-le vient cou-per la trame  
Des jours qu'el-le m'a tis-sus.  
Mon der-nier so-leil se lève,  
Et vo-tre souf-fle m'en-lève,  
De la ter-re des vi-vans ;  
Com-me la feuil le sé-chée  
Qui, de sa ti-ge ar-ra-chée,  
De-vient le jou-et des vents.

## 5°. Ceux de six syllabes, comme :

A soi-même o-di-eux  
Le sot de tout s'ir-ri-te :  
En tous lieux il s'é-vite,  
Et se trouve en tous lieux.

Les vers qui ont moins de six syllabes ne sont guère d'usage que pour la poésie lyrique, et quelques petites pièces badines.

## DE LA CÉSURE.

La césure est un repos qui coupe le vers en deux parties ou hémistiches.

Ce repos doit être à la sixième syllabe dans les grands vers, et à la quatrième dans ceux de dix syllabes. L'esprit et l'usage de la césure sont très-bien exprimés dans ces vers de Boileau.

Que toujours en vos vers, - le sens coupant les mots,  
Suspende l'hémistiche, - en marque le repos.  
Sur les ailes du temps - la tristesse s'envole.

Que le mensonge - un instant vous outrage,  
Tout est en feu - soudain pour l'appuyer ;  
La vérité - perçee enfin le nuage,  
Tout est de glace - à vous justifier.

Il n'y a que les vers de douze et de dix syllabes qui aient une césure.

Pour que la césure soit bonne, il faut que le sens autorise le repos ; ainsi dans les vers suivans, la césure est défectueuse.

N'oublions pas les grands - bienfaits de la patrie.  
Faites voir un regret - sincère de vos fautes.  
Mon père, quoiqu'il eût - la tête des meilleures,  
Ne m'a jamais rien fait - apprendre que mes heures.

La césure ne vaut rien dans ces exemples, parce que le sens exige que le mot où est la césure, et celui qui le suit, soient prononcés tout de suite et sans pause.

Mais la césure est bonne dans les vers suivans :

Ses chanoines vermeils - et brillans de santé  
S'engraissoient d'une longue - et sainte oisiveté.

Ici la césure est bonne, parce qu'on peut faire une petite pause après un substantif suivi de plusieurs adjectifs, ou entre plusieurs adjectifs qui suivent ou qui précèdent un substantif.

**I. REMARQUE.** Le dernier mot du premier hémistiche peut se terminer par l'e muet, pourvu que le mot suivant commence par une voyelle.

Ami lui dit le chante encor pâle d'horreur,  
N'insulte pas de grâce à ma juste terreur.  
Il trépigne de joie, il pleure de tendresse.



II. REM. Les pronoms *cela*, *celui*, *celui-là*, etc. et de *qui* mis pour *dont*, peuvent aussi terminer le premier hémistiché, ou recevoir la césure ; on souffre cette négligence, mais il faut se la permettre rarement ; elle donne toujours aux vers un air prosaïque.

Il n'est fort entre ceux que tu prends par centaines,  
Qui ne puisse arrêter un rimeur six semaines :  
Béniſsons Dieu de qui la puissance est sans bornes.

Les vers de dix et de douze syllabes sont comme tous les autres, assujétis aux règles dont il nous reste à parler.

### DE LA RIME.

La Rime est la convenance de deux sons qui terminent deux vers. Quelquefois on exige aussi qu'il y ait convenance d'orthographe, que deux sons semblables soient représentés par les mêmes lettres.

Où me cacher ? fuyons dans la nuit infernale.  
Mais que dis-je ? mon père y tient l'urne fatale.  
Le sort, dit-on, l'a mise en ses sévères mains.  
Minos juge aux enfers tous les pâles humains.

On distingue deux sortes de rimes, la féminine et la masculine. La première est celle des vers qui se terminent par un *e* muet, soit, seul, soit suivi d'une *s* ou d'*nt*.

Travaillez à loisir, quelque ordre qui vous presse,  
Et ne vous piquez point d'une folle vitesse.  
Il veut les rappeler, et sa voix les effrai ;  
Ils courent ; tout son corps n'est bientôt qu'une plaie.  
Dans quels ravissements, à votre sort liée,  
Du reste des mortels je vivrais oubliée.  
Un jeune homme, toujours bouillant dans ses caprices,  
Est prêt à recevoir l'impression des vices.  
C'est peu qu'en un ouvrage où les fautes fourmillent,  
Des troiſ eſprit semés de temps en temps pétillent.

Ces vers féminins ont une syllabe de plus que les masculins : mais comme l'*e* muet sonne faiblement dans la syllabe qui termine le vers, cette syllabe est comptée pour rien.

La rime masculine est celle qui finit par une autre lettre que l'*e* muet, ou seul, ou suivi d'une *s*, ou enfin d'*nt*.

Chaque vertu devient une divinité ;  
Minerve est la prudence, et Vénus la beauté.  
Le travail est souvent le père du plaisir ;  
Je plains l'homme accablé du poids de son loisir.

REMARQUE. La syllabe *oient* ou *aient*, qui se trouve dans

les imparfaits et les conditionnels des verbes, forme une rime masculine, parce que cette syllabe a le son de l'é ouvert. Ainsi les vers suivans sont masculins.

Aux accords d'Amphion les pierres se mouvoient,  
Et sur les murs Thébains en ordre s'élevoient.

### RIMES RICHES ET SUFFISANTES.

Les rimes masculines et féminines se divisent en *riches* et en *suffisantes*.

I. La rime riche est formée de deux sons parfaitement semblables, et souvent représentés par les mêmes lettres.

Indomptable Taurcau, Dragon impétueux,  
Sa croupe se recoube en replis tortueux.  
De rage et de douleur le monstre bondissant,  
Vient aux pieds des chevaux tomber en mugissant.  
Au moment que je parle, ah, mortelle pensée !  
Ils bravent la fureur d'une amante insensée.

II. La rime suffisante est celle qui n'a pas une convenance aussi exacte de sons et d'orthographe.

Hélas ; Dieux tout-puissans, que nos pleurs vous apaisent,  
Que ces vains ornemens, que ces voiles me pésent !  
Quelle importune main, en formant tous ces nœuds,  
A pris soin sur mon front d'assembler mes cheveux ?

III. Dans la rime masculine, on n'a guère égard en général, qu'au dernier son des mots : ainsi *maison* rime avec *poison* ; *piété* avec *pureté* ; *procès* avec *succès*.

IV. Mais dans la rime féminine, on fait une attention particulière au son de l'avant dernière syllabe, parce que celui de la dernière n'est ni assez plein, ni assez marqué, pour produire une conformité de son sensible et agréable à l'oreille. Ainsi *mère* et *mâre*, *audace* et *justice*, *estime* et *diadème* ne rimeroient pas ensemble, quoique ces mots se terminent par la même syllabe *re*, *ce*, *me*.

Mais *visible* et *sensible*, *monde* et *profonde*, *justice* et *précipice*, *usage* et *partage*, peuvent rimer ensemble, parce que ces mots ont une convenance de sons dans les avant-dernières syllabes.

V. Comme la convenance de sons est essentielle à la rime, on ne sauroit bien faire rimer les syllabes brèves avec les longues, les *l* meüllées, avec les *l* non mouilleés, etc. comme *maître* et *mètre* ; *joûte* et *route* ; *jeune* (qui n'est pas vieux) et *jeûne* (abstinence) ; la *fil*e et la *fi*le ; *péril* et *puéril*, etc. Ainsi J. B. Rousseau a manqué à son exactitude ordinaire, quand il disoit à son ami ;

Et sur ce bord émaillé  
Où Neuilli borde la Seine,  
Reviens au vin d'*Auvil*,  
Mêler les eaux d'*Hypocrène*.

VI. L'*e* fermé, l'*i* et l'*u*, soit seuls, soit suivis des consonnes, *l*, *s*, *t*, ou *z*, ne forment pas de bonnes rimes, si dans les deux syllabes rimantes ils ne sont précédés de la même consonne. Ainsi *bonté* et *donné*, *vertus* et *régus*, *amis* et *aris*, *cultivez* et *dortez*, ne rimeroient pas bien.

Choisissez des amis de qui la piété  
Vous soit un sûr garant de leur fidélité.  
Ami droit et sincère on doit à ses amis  
Garder fidèlement ce qu'on leur a promis.

VII. L'observation précédente a lieu pour, l'*a* dans les verbes : il *donna* et il *aima*, il *porta* et il *rêva*, il *immola* et il *saura*, ne rimeroient pas ensemble. Et en général elle est d'usage pour tous les sons communs à un grand nombre de mots. Ainsi les sons *ant* ou *ent*, *eu* et *on* ne riment bien qu'autant qu'ils sont précédés des même lettres, comme *puissant*, *chassant* ; *agrément*, *régiment* ; *passion*, *mission* ; *ambitieux*, *religieux* ; *vieux*, *mieux*.

Mais les mots suivans ne rimeroient pas bien ensemble : *puissant*, *chancelant* ; *raison*, *passion* ; *heureux* *religieux*, etc.

VIII. Quand la rime est formée par des sons pleins, comme *ar*, *as*, *at*, *or*, *os*, *ot*, *er* *ès*, *et*, *ai*, *ei*, *oi*, *eau*, *eu*, *ou* ; par *an*, *am*, *en*, *em*, *ion*, *oin* ; en un mot par des voyelles précédées d'une ou de plusieurs consonnes, alors on n'exige pas que la lettre qui précède soit la même dans les mots qu'on veut faire rimer. Par exemple, *embarras* et *combat*, *gros* et *sots*, *progrès* et *succès*, *mer* et *enfer*, *ouvert* et *souffert*, *soupir* et *désir*, *espoir* et *devoir*, *jamais* et *parfaits*, *pain* et *main*, *nuit* et *conduit*, *témoins* et *besoins*, *soutiens* et *couvrens*, et autres semblables peuvent rimer ensemble.

IX. Un mot en *e*, *x*, ou *z*, ne peut rimer qu'avec un mot terminé par l'une de ces trois consonnes. Ainsi *admirable* et *tables*, *risible* et *plausibles*, le *secours* et le *jour*, la *vanité* et vous *méritez*, la *foi* et les *lois*, le *courroux* et le *genou*, etc. ne rimeront pas bien ensemble.

Mais *lois* et *Rois*, *courroux* et *tous*, *célestes* et tu *détestes*, *vanités* et vous *méditez*, *clefs* et vous *raclez* le *discours* et le *cours*, formeront de bonnes rimes.

X. Dans les verbes *ois* et *oit*, ayant le son de l'*e* ou-

vert, ne riment guère qu'avec un autre verbe. Quoique j'*aimois* et *jamais*, *donnois* et *harnois*, *plazoit* et *lacet*, *manquoit* et *banquet*, je *déplazois* et les *succès*, se terminent par le même son, l'usage ordinaire est de ne les pas faire rimer ensemble.

XI. Les terminaisons *ent*, *oient*, ou, *aient*, ne doivent rimer qu'avec des verbes qui aient les mêmes terminaisons : ils *privent*, ils *écrivent* ; ils *lurent*, ils *burent* ; qu'ils *surfassent*, qu'ils *effacent* ; etc. mais ils *méprisent* ne rimeroient pas bien avec *entreprise* ; la *surface* avec ils *surpassent*.

XII. La convenance des sons et d'orthographe ne peut autoriser la rime du mot avec lui-même, d'un simple avec son composé, ni même de deux mots dérivés de la même racine, quand ils se ressemblent trop pour la signification. Ainsi la rime est défectueuse dans ces vers :

Je connois trop les Grands dans le malheur amis,  
Ingrats dans la fortune, et bientôt *ennemis*.

Elle est tout-à-fait vicieuse dans ceux-ci :

Les chefs et les soldats ne se connoissent *plus* :  
L'un ne peut commander, l'autre n'obéit *plus*.

XIII. Mais deux mots entièrement semblables par le son et l'orthographe riment bien ensemble, lorsqu'ils ont des significations différentes. Les dérivés sont dans le même cas, s'ils n'ont plus un rapport sensible pour le sens.

Prends-moi le bon parti, laisse là tous les *livres* ;  
Cent francs au denier cinq, combien font-ils ? vingt *liores*  
Nobles, souvenez-vous qu'une naissance *illustre*.  
Des sentimens du cœur reçoit son plus beau *lustre*.  
Dieu punit les forfaits que les rois ont *commis*,  
Ceux qu'ils n'ont point vengés, et ceux qu'ils ont *permis*.

XIV. Les deux hémistiches d'un vers ne doivent pas rimer ensemble, ni même avoir une convenance de sons comme :

Il ne tiendra qu'à toi de partir avec moi,  
Aux Saumaises *futurs* préparer des *tortures*.

XV. Le dernier hémistiche d'un vers ne doit pas non plus rimer avec le premier du vers précédent ou du vers suivant.

Il faut, pour les avoir, employer tous vos *soins* ;  
Ils sont à moi, du *moins* tout autant qu'à mon frère.

Un fiacre, me couvrant d'un déluge de boue  
 Contre le mur *voisin* m'écrase de sa roue ;  
 Et, voulant me sauver, des porteurs *inhumains*  
 De leur maudit bâton me donnent dans les reins.

XVI. Il faut encore éviter la rime dans les premiers hémistiches de deux vers qui se suivent.

Sinon demain *matin* si vous le trouvez bon,  
 Je mettrai de *ma main* le feu dans la maison.

Quelquefois cependant la rime des premiers hémistiches n'a rien de choquant ; c'est lorsqu'elle se fait par la répétition d'une pensée, d'une expression qu'on reproduit à dessein, pour fixer davantage l'attention du lecteur ; comme :

Qui cherche *vraiment Dieu*, dans lui seul se repose ;  
 Et qui craint *vraiment Dieu*, ne craint rien autre chose.

*Des termes que le vers exclut.*

I. Les bons Poètes rejettent avec soin tous les termes durs, ou difficiles à prononcer, ou bas et prosaïques. Rarement ils servent des conjonctions que les orateurs emploient souvent pour lier et arrondir leurs périodes ; telles que *c'est pourquoi, parce que, pourvu que, puisque, de manière, de façon que, de sort que ou en sorte que, outre, d'ailleurs, en effet*, etc.

Il est un heureux choix de mots harmonieux ;  
 Fuyez des mauvais sons le concours odieux.  
 Le vers le mieux rempli, la plus noble pensée,  
 Ne peut plaire à l'esprit, quand l'oreille est blessée.

II. Un mot terminé par une autre voyelle que l'e muet, ne peut être suivi d'un mot qui commence aussi par une voyelle ou une h muette : ce seroit un *hiatus*.

Gardez qu'une voyelle à courir trop hâtée.  
 Ne soit d'une voyelle en son chemin heurtée.

Ainsi les phrases suivantes ne formeroient pas de vers.

Que l'aimable vertu a peu d'adorateurs !  
 Evitez le souci, et fuyez la colère.

III. Comme la conjonction *et* a toujours le son de l'e fermé, elle ne sauroit non plus dans le vers être suivie d'une voyelle. On ne pourroit pas dire en vers :

Qui sert *et* aime Dieu, possède toutes choses,

Mais on dira bien :

Qui connoît et sert Dieu, possède toutes choses.

IV. Les voyelles nasales qui, dans la prononciation ne doivent pas être liées avec le mot suivant, ne peuvent avec grâce être suivies d'un mot qui commence par une voyelle. Ainsi la rencontre des voyelles nasales et des voyelles simples est désagréable dans ce vers :

Un grand *nom* est un poids difficile à porter.

Ah ! j'attendrai long-temps, la nuit est *loin* encore.

Cependant cette rencontre peut se souffrir, quand la prononciation permet de pratiquer un petit repos entre le mot qui finit par un son nasal, et le mot qui commence par une voyelle ; comme dans ce vers de l'*Athalie* de Racine :

Celui qui met un *frein* à la fureur des flots,

Sait aussi des méchans arrêter les con:plots.

V. L'e muet final et précédé d'une voyelle, comme dans *donnée, aimée, Asie, envie, la paie, la joie, la proie, la rue, entrevue*, etc. ne peut entrer dans le corps du vers qu'au moyen de l'élision ; ainsi les vers suivans sont mal construits :

Au travers du Soleil, ma *vue*, s'éblouit.

Ils vous *louent* tout haute et vous *jouent* tout bas.

Il *avoue* sa faute et demande pardon.

Mais ceux-ci sont réguliers a cause de l'élision,

La *joie* est naturelle aux âmes innocentes.

A quels mortels regrets ma *vie* est réservée !

VI. L'e muet, dans le corps du mot et précédé d'une voyelle, est compté pour rien dans la prononciation ; souvent même on ne l'écrit pas. Il *agréera, criera, louera, reniement, dévouement*, etc. ne font pas plus de syllabes que *agrêra, crîra, lôura, renîment, dénouîment*.

## ENJAMBEMENT DES VERS.

Les vers n'ont ni grâce ni harmonie, quand on rejette au commencement du second vers des mots qui dépendent nécessairement de ce qui se trouve à la fin du premier.

Quel que soit votre ami, sachez que mutuelle

Doit être l'amitié ; même ardeur même zèle.

Il n'est donc point d'amis, pour la dernière fois

Je le répète encor : peu connoissent les lois

D'une vraie amitié.

Dans le premier vers, *mutuelle* dépend nécessairement de ces mots *doit être l'amitié*.

Dans les derniers, ces mots *d'une vraie amitié* sont dépendans de ceux-ci, *les lois*, et l'on ne peut les séparer dans la prononciation.

Ces enjambemens sont proscrits dans la haute poésie, mais ils se tolèrent dans les fables et dans les autres pièces de style familier.

Si néanmoins la dépendance d'un vers s'étendoit jusqu'à la fin du suivant, en sorte qu'à la fin du premier il y eût un petit repos, l'harmonie loin d'être blessée n'en seroit que plus sensible.

Là gît la sombre envie, à l'œil timide et louche,  
Versant sur des lauriers les poisons de sa bouche.  
Ce malheureux combat ne fit qu'approfondir  
L'abîme dont Valois vouloit en vain sortir.—VOLT.

*Des licences qu'on se permet dans les Vers.*

Des licences consistent dans certains disposition de mots, dans l'emploi de plusieurs termes dont la prose n'oseroit se servir, dans le retranchement d'une lettre.

### DES TRANSPOSITIONS.

I. On place avec grâce les régimes composés avant les mots et les verbes dont ils dépendent.

*A la Religion* soyez toujours fidèle,  
Les mœurs et la vertu ne sauvent point sans elle.  
C'est Dieu qui *du néant* a tiré l'univers ;  
C'est lui qui *sur la terre* a répandu les mers.  
Sans Dieu rien n'eût été.

Et lui seul *des mortels* fait la félicité.

*A vous former le cœur* appliquez-vous sans cesse.

II. On place entre l'auxiliaire et le participe, entre le verbe et son régime, des mots qui n'y seroient pas soufferts en prose.

Un vieillard vénérable avoit, *loin de la Cour*,  
Cherché la douce paix dans un obscure séjour :  
Dieu fit *dans ce desert* descendre la sagesse.

Les transpositions, quand elles sont naturelles, est qu'elles n'embarrassent pas le sens de la phrase, donnent de la grâce et de la noblesse à la poésie ; mais elles ne valent rien, lorsqu'elles rendent le vers dur, ou qu'elles obscurcissent la pensée, comme dans les vers suivans :

Quoi ! voit-on revêtu de l'étole sacrée  
Le prêtre *de l'autel* s'arrêter à l'entrée ?  
Craignez *de votre orgueil* de vous rendre la dupe.

Que toujours la fierté, l'honneur, la bienséance,  
De cette folle ardeur s'oppose à la naissance.

*Des mots propres à la Poésie.*

La poésie se sert en général des mêmes mots que la prose ; cependant il y a quelques expressions que les Poètes emploient heureusement, et qui seroient déplacées dans la prose. Telles sont *antique* pour *ancien* : *coursier* pour *cheval* : *l'Eternel*, le *Très-Haut*, le *Tout-Puissant* pour *Dieu* : le *flanc* pour le *sein*, le *ventre* : le *glaive* pour *l'épée* : les *humains*, les *mortels*, la *race* de *Jappel* pour les *hommes* : *hymen* ou *hyménée* pour *mariage* : *espoir* pour *esperance* : le *penser* pour la *pensée* : *jadis* pour *autrefois* : *naguère* ou *naguères* pour *il n'y a pas long-temps* : *labeur* pour *travail* : *repentance* pour *repentir* : *soudain* pour *aussitôt* : *ombre éternelle*, *sombres bords* pour *l'enfer*, etc.

Où sont, Dieu de Jacob, tes antiques bontés ?

On fait cas d'un coursier, qui, fier et plein de cœur,

Fait paroître en courant sa bouillante vigueur,

L'Eternel en ses mains tient seul nos destinées.

Célébrons dans nos chants la gloire du Très-haut.

Si quelque audacieux embrasse sa querelle,

Qu'à la fureur du glaive on le livre avec elle.

Souvent d'un faux espoir un amant est nourri.

Les Dieux m'en sont témoins, ces Dieux qui dans mon flanc

Ont allumé le feu fatal à tout mon sang,

Ces Dieux qui se sont fait une gloire cruelle

De séduire le cœur d'une foible mortelle.

Soumise à mon époux, et cachant mes ennuis,

De son fatal hymen je cultivois les fruits

On n' aime plus comme on aimoit jadis.

Va dans l'ombre éternelle, ombre pleine d'envie ;

Et ne te mêle plus de censurer ma vie.

La lecture des bons Poètes fournira une foule d'autres expressions propres à la poésie.

Nous écrivons en prose *je crois*, *je vois*, *je dis*, *je sais*, *je vis*, *j'avertis*, etc. Les Poètes, selon le besoin, emploient ou retranchent l's dans ces mots. Ils écrivent de même *jusque* ou *jusques*, *encore* ou *encor*, *grâce au Ciel* ou *grâces au Ciel*. Ils emploient aussi *alors que*, pour *lorsque*, *cependant que* pour *pendant que*, *avecque* pour *avec*, etc.

Les bons Poètes se servent rarement de la plupart de ces dernières licences ; et ceux qui se livrent à la poésie ne doivent pas oublier le précepte de Boileau.



Sur tout qu'en vos écrits la langue révéree,  
 Dans vos plus grands excès vous soit toujours sacrée ;  
 Envain vous me frappez d'un son mélodieux,  
 Si le terme est impropre ou le tour vicieux :  
 Mon esprit n'admet point un pompeux barbarisme,  
 Ni d'un vers anpoulé l'orgueilleux solécisme.  
 Sans la langue, en un mot, l'auteur le plus divin,  
 Est toujours, quoiqu'il fasse, un méchant écrivain.

### DE L'ARRANGEMENT DES ENTR'EUX.

Dans les différentes manières dont le vers doivent être arrangés, il faut considérer la rime et le nombre des syllabes.

Le nombre des syllabes est arbitraire dans les pièces libres et dans la poésie lyrique ; mais il est déterminé dans les autres pièces sérieuses, qui sont la plupart écrites en vers de douze syllabes. Ainsi dans le Poème épique, l'Eglogue l'Élégie, la Satyre, l'Épître, et dans la Tragédie et la haute Comédie, il est d'usage de n'employer que le vers Alexandrin.

Quant à la rime, deux vers masculins peuvent être suivis de deux vers féminins *et vice versâ* ; ou bien un vers masculin est suivi d'un ou de deux féminins, et un vers féminin d'un ou de deux masculins.

On appelle vers à *rimes plates* ceux qui sont disposés de la première façon, comme les suivans.

De figures sans nombre, égayez votre ouvrage ;  
 Que tout y fasse aux yeux une riante image :  
 On peut être à la fois et pompeux et plaisant,  
 Et je hais un sublime ennuyeux, languissant.  
 Un poème excellent où tout marche et se suit,  
 N'est pas de ces travaux qu'un caprice produit :  
 Il veut du temps, des soins ; et ce pénible ouvrage  
 Jamais d'un écolier ne fut l'apprentissage.

On appelle vers à *rimes croisés* ceux qui sont ordonnés de la seconde manière, comme ceux-ci dans lesquels Rousseau dit en parlant de Circé furieuse :

Sa voix redoutable  
 Trouble les enfers,  
 Un bruit formidable  
 Gron de dans les airs,  
 Un voile effroyable  
 Couvre l'univers.

Mais quand on n'observe d'autre règle que de ne pas mettre de suite plus de deux vers masculins ou féminins,

et qu'on fait suivre un vers masculin ou féminin, d'un ou de deux vers d'une rime différente, alors ils s'appellent vers à rimes mêlées, comme ceux-ci :

Ah ! si d'une pauvreté dure  
 Nous cherchons à nous affranchir,  
 Rapprochons-nous de la nature,  
 Qui seule peut nous enrichir.  
 Forçons de funestes obstacles ;  
 Réservons pour nos tabernacles  
 Cet or, ces rubis, ces métaux ;  
 Ou dans le sein des mers avides  
 Jetons ces richesses perfides,  
 L'unique aliment de nos maux.

Lorsque les vers sont en rimes plates, ils ont ordinairement le même nombre de syllabes. Mais lorsqu'ils sont à rimes croisées ou à rimes mêlées souvent ils ont une mesure inégale.

Dans les vers à rimes plates, c'est un défaut de faire revenir deux rimes masculines ou féminines déjà employées, de manière qu'elles ne soient séparées de deux autres semblables que par deux rimes d'une espèce différente, comme dans cet exemple :

Soudain Potier se lève et demande *audience* :  
 Chacun, à son aspect, garde un profond *silence*.  
 Dans ce temps malheureux par le crime *infecté*,  
 Potier fut toujours juste, et pourtant *respecté*.  
 Souvent on l'avoit vu, par sa mâle *éloquence*,  
 De leurs emportemens réprimer la *licence*,  
 Et conservant sur eux sa vieille *autorité*,  
 Leur montrer la justice avec *impunité*.

L'oreille est aussi choquée par la convenance de sons dans les rimes masculines et féminines qui se suivent, comme dans ces vers, d'ailleurs pleins de belles images.

Tel des antres du Nord échappés sur la *terre*,  
 Précédés par les vents, et suivis du *tonnerre*,  
 D'un tourbillon de poudre obscurcissant les *airs*,  
 Les orages fongueux parcourent l'*Univers*.

On compose à rimes plates les grands poèmes, tels que l'Épopée, la Tragédie, la Comédie, l'Églogue, l'Élégie, la Satyre, l'Épître ; à rimes croisées, l'Ode, le Sonnet, le Rondeau ; et à rimes mêlés, les Stances, l'Épigramme, les Fables, les Madrigaux, les Chansons.

Il n'y a d'autres règles à observer dans les grands poèmes pour la distribution des rimes que d'éviter la con-

sonance, et de ranger les vers masculins et féminins deux à deux les uns après les autres. Nous ne nous étendrons donc pas davantage sur cet article par rapport à l'Epopée, à la Tragédie, etc. Nous ne dirons rien non plus des autres règles de ces poèmes. Ces dissertations nous mèneraient trop loin. Consultez l'Art poétique de Boileau, et les meilleures poétiques anciennes et modernes.

Mais l'ordonnance des vers dans plusieurs petits poèmes a des règles fixes et particulières. Ce sera le sujet des articles suivans.

### DES STANCES.

Une *Stance* est un certain nombre de vers, après lesquels le sens est fini. Dans une Ode elle s'appelle *Strophe*.

Une stance n'a pas ordinairement moins de quatre vers, ni plus de dix. La mesure des vers y est arbitraire ; ils peuvent être ou tous grands ou tous petits, ou bien mêlés les uns avec les autres.

Les stances sont appelées *régulières*, lorsqu'elles ont un même nombre de vers, un même mélange de rimes, et que les grands et les petits vers y sont également distribués. Elles sont appelées *irrégulières*, lorsqu'elles n'ont pas toutes ces convenances.

Pour la perfection des stances, il est nécessaire, 1<sup>o</sup>. Que le sens finisse avec le dernier vers de chacune.

2<sup>o</sup>. Que le dernier vers d'une stance ne rime pas avec le premier de la suivante.

3<sup>o</sup>. Que les stances d'un même pièce commencent et finissent par des rimes de même nature ; c'est à-dire, que si le premier vers d'une stance finit par une rime masculine, les premiers vers des strophes suivantes doivent également être masculins. Il est cependant bon de remarquer que quoiqu'en général il ne soit pas permis de mettre de suite quatre rimes de même espèce, cependant plusieurs auteurs l'ont fait d'une stance à l'autre, parce qu'ils ont regardé chaque stance d'une pièce comme isolée, et comme indépendante de celle qui suit. Mais nous croyons que cette licence ne peut être tolérée que dans les chansons.

Si une stance est seule, elle prend un nom particulier, du nombre des vers dont elle est composé. Elle s'appelle *Quatrain*, si elle en a quatre ; *Sixain*, si elle en a six ; *Dixain*, si elle en a dix. Et quelquefois à raison du sujet

c'est une *Epigramme*, un *Madrigal*. On appeloit autrefois *Oclare* une stance de huit vers.

On voit que toutes ces stances sont du nombre pair. Il y en a aussi du nombre impair, de cinq, de sept et de neuf vers.

## RÈGLES POUR LES STANCES DE NOMBRE PAIR.

### I. *Stances de quatre vers.*

Ces stances sont plusieurs quatrains joints ensemble, et liés par un sens qui dure jusqu'à la fin de la pièce. Entre le premier vers masculin ou féminin, et celui qui lui répond, on met un ou deux vers d'une rime différente, comme dans ces vers où l'Amitié fait elle-même son portrait.

J'ai le visage long, et la mine naïve,  
Je suis sans finesse et sans art.  
Mon teint est fort uni, ma couleur assez vive,  
Et je mets jamais de fard.  
Mon abord est civil ; j'ai la bouche riante,  
Et mes yeux ont mille douceurs :  
Mais quoique je sois belle, agréable et charmante,  
Je règne sur bien peu de cœurs.  
On me proteste assez, et presque tous les hommes  
Se vantent de suivre mes lois :  
Mais que j'en connois peu dans le siècle ou nous sommes.  
Dont le cœur répond à ma voix ;  
Ceux que je fais aimer d'une flamme fidèle,  
Me font l'objet de tous leurs soins ;  
Et quoique je vici lisse, ils me trouvent fort belle,  
Et ne m'en estiment pas moins.  
On m'accuse pourtant d'aimer trop à paroître  
Où l'on voit la prospérité ;  
Cependant il est vrai qu'on ne me peut connoître  
Qu'au milieu de l'adversité.

### Autre exemple :

Dans ce salon pacifique  
Où président les neuf sœurs,  
Un loisir philosophique  
T'offre encor d'autres douceurs.

Là nous trouverons sans peine  
Avec toi, le verre en main,  
L'homme après qui Diogène  
Courut si long-temps en vain.

Et dans la douce allégresse  
Dont tu sais nous abreuver,  
Nous puiserons la sagesse  
Qu'il chercha sans la trouver.—J. B. ROUSSEAU.

REMARQUE. Les véritables quatrains n'ont aucune liaison pour les sens, et la morale en est ordinairement la matière. Exemple :

Ne demandez à Dieu ni gloire, ni richesse,  
Ni ces biens dont l'éclat rend le peuple étonné ;  
Mais pour bien commander, demandez la sagesse ;  
Avec un don si saint tout vous sera donné.  
Ecoutez et lisez la céleste parole,  
Que, dans les livres saints, Dieu nous donne pour loi.  
La politique humaine au prix d'elle est frivole,  
Et forme plus souvent un tyran qu'un bon Roi.

## II. *Stances de six vers.*

Elles sont composés d'un quatrain et de deux vers d'une même rime, qui se mettent au commencement ou à la fin. D'ailleurs les vers d'un quatrain se mêlent de la même manière que ci-dessus.

Si les deux vers d'une même rime sont au commencement, alors à la fin du troisième, on met ordinairement un repos, et le sens ne doit pas s'étendre jusqu'au quatrième. Ce repos donne beaucoup de grâce et d'harmonie à cette sorte de stances.

On peut voir, par les exemples suivans, que ce repos peut être plus ou moins marqué, et qu'il n'est pas rigoureusement exigé dans les sixains.

Ce n'est donc point assez que ce peuple perfide,  
De la sainte cité profanateur stupide,  
Ait dans tout l'Orient porté ses étendards ;  
Et paisible tyran de la Grèce abattue,  
Partagé à notre vue  
La plus belle moitié du trône des Césars.  
Des veilles, des travaux un foible cœur s'étonne.  
Apprenons toutefois, que le fils de Latone,  
Dont nous suivons la cour,  
Ne nous vend qu'à ce prix ces traits de vive flamme,  
Et ces aîles de feu qui ravissent une âme  
Au céleste séjour.

La place de ce repos varie, et est tantôt après le second, tantôt après le quatrième vers, dans les sixains où les deux vers d'une même rime sont à la fin de la strophe, comme dans les stances suivantes.

Seigneur, dans ton temple adorable,  
Quel mortel est digne d'entrer ?  
Qui pourra, grand Dieu, pénétrer  
Ce sanctuaire impénétrable,  
Où tes saints inclinés, d'un œil respectueux,  
Contemplant de ton front l'éclat majestueux ?

Ce sera celui qui du vice  
 Évite le sentier impur,  
 Qui marche d'un pas ferme et sûr,  
 Dans le chemin de la justice ;  
 Attentif et fidèle à distinguer sa voix,  
 Intrépide et sévère à pratiquer ses loix ;  
 Celui devant qui le superbe,  
 Enflé d'une vaine splendeur,  
 Paroît plus dans sa grandeur  
 Que l'insecte caché sous l'herbe ;  
 Qui bravant du méchant le faste couronné,  
 Honore la vertu du juste infortuné.

### III. *Stances de huit vers.*

Ces stances ne sont ordinairement que deux quatrains joints ensemble. Le sens doit finir après le premier ; et les vers de tous les deux s'entrelacent, comme nous l'avons déjà dit. Exemple :

Tel en un sacré vallon,  
 Sur le bord d'une onde pure,  
 Croît à l'abri de l'Aiglon  
 Un jeune lys, l'amour de la nature.  
 Loin du monde élevé, de tous les dons des Cieux  
 Il est orné dès sa naissance ;  
 Et du méchant l'abord contagieux  
 N'altère point son innocence.

RACINE, *chœurs d'Athalie*.

Si quelque jour étant ivre  
 La mort arrêtoit mes pas,  
 Je ne voudrois pas revivre  
 Après un si doux trépas :  
 Je m'en irois dans l'Averne  
 Faire enivrer Alec-ton,  
 Et bâtir une taverne  
 Dans le manoir de Pluton.—MAITRE ADAM.

Ces stances peuvent aussi commencer par deux vers sur une même rime, et les six autres sont sur des rimes croisées. Quelquefois aussi ces stances n'ont qu'un sixain sur deux ou trois rimes, après quoi viennent deux vers de même rime.

Ces mélanges de rime peuvent aisément se concevoir sans qu'il soit nécessaire d'en citer des exemples ; d'ailleurs ils ne sont pas communs.

### IV. *Stances de dix vers.*

Les stances de dix vers ne sont autre chose qu'un quatrain et un sixain, dont les vers s'entremêlent selon les règles ordinaires. Elles tirent leur harmonie d'un premier

repos placé à la fin du quatrain, et d'une second après le septième vers. Ex.

C'est un arrêt du Ciel, il faut que l'homme meure ;  
 Tel est son partage et son sort :  
 Rien n'est plus certain que la mort,  
 Et rien plus incertain que cette dernière heure.  
 Heureuse incertitude, utile obscurité,  
 Par où ta divine bonté  
 A veiller, à prier, sans cesse nous convie !  
 Que ne pouvons-nous point avec un tel secours,  
 Qui nous fait regarder tous les jours de la vie  
 Comme le dernier de nos jours !  
 Les Cieux instruisent la terre  
 A révéler leur auteur ;  
 Tout ce que leur globe enserre,  
 Célèbre un Dieu Créateur.  
 Quel plus sublime cantique  
 Que ce concert magnifique  
 De tous les célestes corps !  
 Quelle grandeur infinie !  
 Quelle divine harmonie  
 Résulte de leurs accords !

#### REGLES POUR LES STANCES DE NOMBRE IMPAIR.

Les stances de nombre impair ont toutes, trois vers sur une même rime. L'ordonnance des vers y est d'ailleurs arbitraire, excepté qu'on ne peut mettre que deux rimes semblables de suite, et que le quatrain par lequel commencent les stances de sept ou de neuf vers, doit être terminé par un repos.

##### *Stance de cinq vers.*

O rives du Jourdain ! ô champs aimés des Cieux !  
 Sacrés monts, fertiles vallées,  
 Par cent miracles signalées,  
 Du doux pays de nos ayeux  
 Serons-nous toujours exilées ?  
 Pardonne, Dieu puissant, pardonne à ma faiblesse,  
 A l'aspect des méchans, confus, épouvanté,  
 Le trouble m'a saisi, mes pas ont hésité ;  
 Mon zèle m'a trahi, Seigneur, je le confesse,  
 En voyant leur prospérité.

##### *Stances de sept vers.*

Si la loi du Seigneur vous touche,  
 Si le mensonge vous fait peur,

Si la justice en votre cœur  
 Règne aussi bien qu'en votre bouche ;  
 Parlez, fils des hommes, pourquoi  
 Fait-il qu'une haine farouche  
 Préside aux jugemens que vous lancez sur moi ?

*Stance de neuf vers.*

Quel rempart, quelle autre barrière  
 Pourra défendre l'innocent  
 Contre la fraude meurtrière  
 De l'impie adroit et puissant ?  
 Sa langue aux feintes préparée,  
 Ressemble à la flèche acérée  
 Qui part et frappe en un moment  
 C'est un feu léger dans l'entrée.  
 Que suit un long embrâsement.

DU SONNET.

Boileau feint qu'Apollon,

Voulant pousser à bout tous les rimeurs françois,  
 Inventa du Sonnet les rigoureuses lois,  
 Voulut qu'en deux quatrains de mesure pareille,  
 La rime avec deux sons frappât huit fois l'oreille ;  
 Et qu'ensuite six vers artistement rangés,  
 Fussent en deux tercets par le sens partagés.  
 Sur-tout de ce poème il bannit la licence,  
 Défendit qu'un vers foible y pût jamais entrer,  
 Et qu'un mot déjà mis osât s'y remonter.  
 Du reste il l'enrichit d'une beauté suprême :  
 Un Sonnet sans défaut vaut seul un long Poème.

Le Sonnet est composé de quatorze vers d'une mesure égale, et pour l'ordinaire de douze syllabes ; ces vers sont partagés en deux quatrains et un sixain.

Les rimes masculines et féminines des deux quatrains sont semblables, et on les entremêle dans l'un, de la même manière que dans l'autre.

Le sixain se coupe en deux tercets, c'est-à-dire, en deux stances de trois vers. Ces tercets commencent l'un et l'autre par deux rimes semblables, en sorte que le troisième vers du premier, rime avec le troisième du second.

Il faut éviter que le mélange des rimes, dans les quatre derniers vers du sixain, soit le même que dans les quatrains.

Le second vers de chaque quatrain doit avoir un repos. Les deux quatrains et les deux tercets doivent être terminés chacun par un repos encore plus grand



D'ailleurs tout doit être noble dans ce Poème, pensées, style, élocution. Point de répétitions, point de redondance. La force et l'élévation en sont les principaux caractères.

On voit cependant des Sonnets, dont les sujets ne sont pas sublimes ; le style alors en est médiocre, et doit l'être. Voici deux exemples du Sonnet. Le premier dans le genre simple, exprime la nature même du Sonnet.

Doris, qui sait qu'aux vers quelquefois je me plais,  
 Me demande un Sonnet et je m'en désespère.  
 Quatorze vers grand Dieu, le moyen de les faire !  
 En voilà cependant déjà quatre de faits.  
 Je ne pouvais d'abord trouver de rime, mais  
 En faisant, on apprend à se tirer d'affaire.  
 Poursuivons ; les quatrains ne m'étonneront guère,  
 Si du premier tercet je puis faire les frais.  
 Je commence au hasard, et si je ne m'abuse,  
 Je n'ai pas commencé sans l'aveu de ma Muse,  
 Puisqu'en si peu de temps je m'en tire si net.  
 J'entame le second, et ma joie est extrême ;  
 Car des vers commandés j'achève le treizième.  
 Comptez s'ils sont quatorze, et voilà le Sonnet.

#### AUTRE SONNET.

Grand Dieu tes jugemens sont remplis d'équité :  
 Toujours tu prends plaisir à nous être propice ;  
 Mais j'ai tant fait de mal, que jamais ta bonté  
 Ne me pardonnera qu'en blessant ta justice.  
 Oui, Seigneur, la grandeur de mon impiété  
 Ne laisse à ton pouvoir que le choix du supplice,  
 Ton intérêt s'oppose à ma félicité,  
 Et ta clémence même attend que je périsse.  
 Contente ton désir, puisqu'il t'est glorieux ;  
 Offense-toi des pleurs qui coulent de mes vœux :  
 Tonne, frappe, il est temps, rends-moi guerre pour guerre.  
 J'adore, en périssant, la raison qui t'aigrit :  
 Mais dessus quel endroit tombera ton tonnerre  
 Qui ne soit tout couvert du sang de Jésus-Christ.

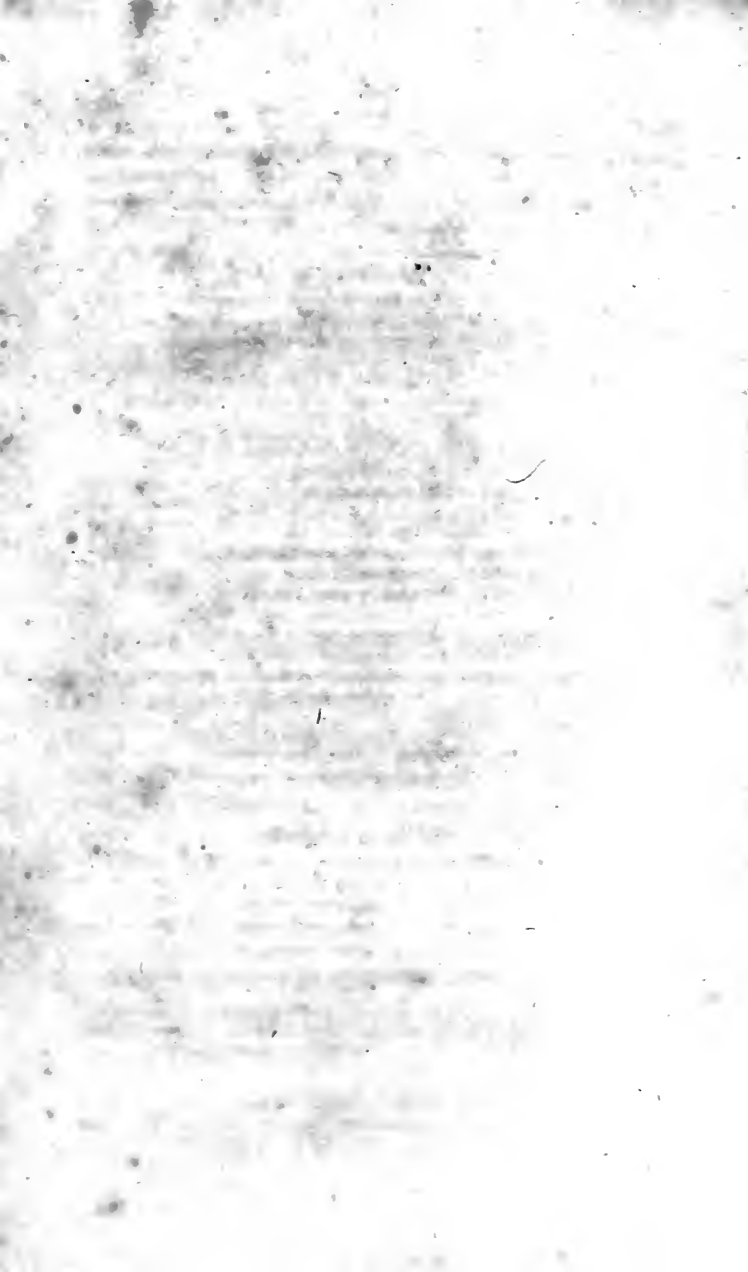
#### DU RONDEAU.

Le Rondeau né Gaulois a la naïveté.

Tel est le caractère de ce petit poème. Toutes sortes de vers y sont propres, excepté les Alexandrins qui ont trop de gravité. Il y entre treize vers de même mesure sur deux rimes.

On peut faire dans le Rondeau ce qu'on ne fait point





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